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# Caring, Compassion & CHOICE

## We Celebrate National Hospice and Palliative Care Month 2014!

No one likes to think about death and dying, but it's something everyone has to face eventually. There is a wonderful resource in our community that provides comfort, dignity and respect to all those coping with a serious or life-limiting illness. It is Old Colony Hospice and Palliative Care.

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, a time to reach out to our community to raise awareness about the compassionate care that hospice and palliative care provide.

One of the most important messages to help people understand is that hospice and palliative care help patients and families focus on living.

The hospice team provides expert medical care to keep patients comfortable and able to enjoy time with loved ones. The hospice team answers questions, offers advice on what to expect, and helps families with the duties of being a caregiver. The team also provides emotional and spiritual support for the entire family.

Hospice is covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance plans and HMOs. Hospice care is provided in the home, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and long term care centers———wherever the patient lives.

Hospice care is available to people of all ages, with any illness. Hospice professionals and trained volunteers will ask you what's important and listen to what you say. They make your wishes a priority.

If you, your loved one, or a patient of yours is facing a serious or life-limiting illness, the time to find out more about hospice and palliative care is right now.

#### So remember these 6 important facts about hospice care:

- 1. Hospice care is usually provided in the home wherever the patient calls home.
- 2. Hospice cares for people with any kind of life-limiting illness.
- **3.** Hospice is fully covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and most private health plans and HMOs.
- 4. Hospice is not limited to six months of care.
- 5. Hospice is not "giving up"; rather the focus is on caring, not curing.
- 6. Anyone can contact hospice so call your local program to learn if hospice is right for you or your loved one.

#### For more information, please call us at: 781-341-4145

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### Family Quote

"Professional, dedicated, mature, loving , kind helpful, caring—-I am grateful for all who helped me to be with and care for my husband".

#### Quote of the Month

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us".

Helen Keller



## Save the Date!

**35th Anniversary Gala!** Thursday, December 4, 2014 Time: 6:00 t0 11:00pm Location: Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, MA

Join us for this black tie optional event to celebrate our 35 years of giving compassionate care one day at a time!

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