



**Call us with your concerns.  
The sooner you call,  
the more we may be able to help.**

## Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County



*Your local home care agency, caring for generations of Litchfield County families for more than a century.*

*One agency, formed through the alliance of three community-centered agencies, serves towns throughout Litchfield County – as well as Burlington, Canton and Hartland.*

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### Donations

Contributions are always welcome—and needed—to help provide care for hospice patients who may be unable to pay for all necessary services.

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to:

**Visiting Nurse & Hospice  
of Litchfield County**  
32 Union Street  
Winsted, CT 06098

## HOSPICE CARE

*Enhancing Comfort & Quality of Life*

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*Choose your local, independent agency, serving all the towns of Litchfield County – as well as Burlington, Canton and Hartland.*

## **Hospice... not a place, but ways of caring**

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County focuses on quality of life for individuals who are coping with advanced illness and limited life expectancy.

Services are centered upon the person and his or her family members, rather than on the disease. In addition to expert pain and symptom control, the patient and family receive emotional, psychological and spiritual support from a community of caring professionals.

## **A skilled team... coordinated services**

Hospice services are provided by a team of medical professionals consisting of the patient's personal physician, a hospice physician, hospice nurses, social worker, pharmacist and a dietician. Also on the team are physical, occupational and speech therapists, a pastoral counselor, home health aides and trained volunteers.

### **24-Hour Care**

Patients and their families may contact Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County whenever they may be needed – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### **The Role of Volunteers**

The hospice volunteers are an integral component of the care team. They work directly with patients and families by providing support, transporting patients, running errands, providing respite for caregivers and offering an understanding and sympathetic ear to patients and family members.

### **Referrals to Hospice Care**

A person can be referred to hospice by his or her physician, a family member, friends, clergy, nurse, hospital or long-term care facility. The patient may also request hospice care. Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County welcomes the opportunity to discuss options with patients and families.

### **Affording Hospice Care**

Hospice services are covered by Medicare and many private insurance plans. No one is ever refused care due to inability to pay.

### **Quality and Integrity**

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County has a long tradition of providing caring and professional services to the residents of Litchfield County. The hospice care team meets the standards of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Our familiarity with area communities, coupled with our staff's hospice certification and strong clinical skills, makes for a true community resource.

### **Bereavement Care**

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County provides bereavement support for family members and friends for up to a year after the death of a loved one.

Bereavement groups provide an opportunity to share experiences, to learn about the grieving process and to receive comfort and support from trained facilitators. The groups are free and open to any adult who has experienced a loss.



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