WE HONOR VETERANS
We have a veteran-to-veteran volunteer program. These volunteers are an essential part of caring for our veteran patients.

For more information, contact our Volunteer Coordinator at (559) 624-6842 or HospVol@kdhcd.org for additional information and an application.

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HOSPICE PHILOSOPHY
The focus is on care, not cure.
Kaweah Delta Hospice provides care to people who have a terminal illness or disease and are no longer seeking a cure. The decision to enter into hospice care is usually made by the patient and their family under the guidance of their physician. Once that decision is made, the patient can remain at home or in a long-term care center.

HOSPICE CARE PROVIDES:
• Pain management to increase the patient’s comfort level to ensure dignity and quality of life.
• Emotional and spiritual support for the patient and their family.
• A hospice team which includes a physician, a registered nurse, home health aides, social workers, a spiritual support counselor, and volunteers.
• Bereavement support after the patient has died.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Volunteers are an important part of the hospice experience. Volunteers are able to help patients and their families in the following ways.

Companionship
Volunteers sometimes simply sit quietly with a patient. Volunteers may interact with patients by reading stories, playing games, listening to music and reviewing photos.

Respite Care
Volunteers may stay with patients while their caregiver runs errands, goes to medical appointments, shops, naps or simply takes a break from their usual responsibilities. These breaks allow caregivers to recharge so they can continue to care for their loved one.

Specialized Volunteers
Some volunteers have skills that they are willing to share with patients including: massage therapy, pet therapy, music therapy, cosmetology and Reiki, a technique for stress reduction and relaxation.

Veteran to Veteran Volunteers
Kaweah Delta Hospice honors veterans through our patient services and our volunteers.

Office Volunteers
Office volunteers help with a variety of tasks. While computer skills are helpful, they are not required.

Special Event Volunteers
Hospice hosts special events for our families throughout the year with the help of volunteers. Whether by helping at an event or by assisting with mailings, our volunteers help make things happen.

TRAINING AND SUPPORT
Volunteers are provided thorough training prior to being placed with a patient. Orientation is offered several times a year. We offer a weekend orientation for those who cannot attend on weekdays.

Orientation Topics Include:
• Hospice philosophy and the hospice team
• Education about death and dying
• Safety
• Self care
• We Honor Veterans program
• Hospice regulations
• Other important topics

What Do Volunteers Receive?
Helping people during the end of life can be a very rewarding experience. Volunteers make a difference through their commitment to serving patients and families on their end-of-life journey.

Additionally, quarterly education is offered to help volunteers refine their hospice skills.