



HOSPICE  
of the VALLEY



*Your not-for-profit hospice since 1977*

## Pediatric Program

*“Our pediatric team is passionate about providing care and compassion to infants, children and adolescents and their families when they are faced with life-limiting conditions. We strive to make this difficult time as supportive as possible, while acknowledging medical, psychosocial and spiritual needs.”*

*—David Hirsch, MD, Hospice of the Valley Pediatric Medical Director*

### When a child is seriously ill...

When a child is seriously ill, perhaps facing a life-limiting illness, Hospice of the Valley is here to help. Care is provided to the child, as well as the family, and includes physical, emotional and spiritual support.

Whether the child is in the hospital, at home or transitioning in between, Hospice of the Valley can help by providing compassionate care and services. Inpatient homes are also available when a child requires around-the-clock care, or when the family needs extra support.

At Hospice of the Valley, we recognize the importance of individualized care and are sensitive to cultural, religious or other preferences of our patients. Care is based on the needs of the families and is provided regardless of financial circumstances.

### Care provided by experts...

Children with a serious illness require expert treatment. Hospice of the Valley's pediatric team is specially trained and prepared to address the challenges a family with a sick child faces. Team members include:

- pediatric medical director
- RN case coordinator
- RNs/LPNs
- social worker
- chaplain
- home care aide
- volunteer

Frequency of visits is based on the needs of the child and family.

In addition, Hospice of the Valley teams up with many professional organizations and children's medical services to ensure all resources are available to each family in need.



## Services that accommodate changing needs...

The needs of sick children can change quickly. Hospice of the Valley's services accommodate these changes. Many children transition on and off Hospice of the Valley services based on the care and services needed. In some cases, the child's condition improves so much that they are "graduated" from the program.

## Getting help is easy...

Anyone can make a referral, including family members, physicians and their staff, as well as hospital personnel. Hospice of the Valley staff members are available anytime to answer questions and help determine how and when our services can help. Once an evaluation is done, Hospice of the Valley can contact the child's physician for authorization of admission to the program.

## A history of compassionate care...

Hospice of the Valley is a national leader in hospice care, serving Maricopa County (metro Phoenix) since 1977. Our agency is not-for-profit with more than 1,400 employees and 1,000 volunteers serving 2,000 patients and their families each day throughout Maricopa County.

*"I wish we had used Hospice of the Valley earlier. Our doctors urged us, but I said 'no.' But in retrospect, I realize I could have benefited from their involvement much sooner."*

*—Mother of former pediatric hospice patient*



To learn more about Hospice of the Valley services,  
call us anytime at 602.530.6900.