WHAT IS HOSPICE?

Hospice is a philosophy of care for the end of life. We focus on comfort rather than a cure, when life expectancy is believed to be six months or less. People who choose hospice are not giving up hope, they are redefining it. Though a cure may no longer be possible, we help patients redirect hope into mending and restoring relationships, spending quality time with loved ones, and finding peace and comfort.

Services can be provided wherever the patient lives, or, when symptoms become too complicated, in the Hinds Hospice home in Fresno. Services are available regardless of age, religion, race, financial situation or type of disability. Our care team partners with the patient and the family to:



Enhance and affirm life



Support a patient's independence, dignity, individuality, self worth and security



Expertly manage pain and physical symptoms while addressing emotional, spiritual and social concerns



Help patients and families redefine hope and healing







We can help. Contact us for a confidential evaluation.

FRESNO/MADERA

Patient Care Services

1616 W Shaw Ave., Ste. B-6, Fresno, CA 93711 (559) 226-5683 or toll free I-800-400-4677

Center for Grief and Loss, Angel Babies 1616 W Shaw Ave., Ste. B-7, Fresno, CA 93711 (559) 248-8579

MERCED

Patient Care Services, Center for Grief and Loss, Angel Babies

410 W. Main St., Ste. A, Merced, CA 95340 (209) 383-3123 or toll free I-888-383-4677

HINDS HOSPICE HOME

1416 W Twain Ave, Fresno, CA 93711 (559) 222-0793

www.hindshospice.org

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Member of California Central Valley Coalition for Compassionate Care Member of California Hospice and Palliative Care Association Member of Children's Hospice and Palliative Care Coalition Member of National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Member of International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care Proud Partner – Susan G. Komen Central Valley Affiliate







OUR MISSION

The mission of Hinds Hospice is to uphold the dignity and ease the suffering of the terminally ill while supporting their loved ones, and those who are grieving.



Founded in 1981 by Nancy Hinds, R.N., Hinds Hospice serves Fresno, Madera and Merced counties. We help those living with a terminal condition, their caregivers, and those grieving the loss of a loved one, offering hospice services and grief support programs.



HINDS HOSPICE TEAM

An expert team of compassionate professionals works with a patient's own physician to provide care, taking time to explain and provide information about all available care choices.



Medical Director
Nurses
Medical Social
Workers
Volunteers

Home Health Aides

Spiritual
Counselors

Grief and Loss
Counselors



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OUR PROGRAMS

Hospice Care at Home –

Our hospice teams travel throughout Fresno, Madera and Merced counties to visit patients wherever they live.

Hinds Hospice Home -

For patients with medically complex situations, the Hinds Hospice Home in Fresno provides a welcoming environment to receive loving, aroundthe-clock care.

Center for Grief and Loss -

Serving Hinds Hospice families and the community at large, our professional staff provides grief counseling, workshops, support groups, phone calls and mailings for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. Counseling for individuals diagnosed with a life limiting illness and their loved ones is also available.

Angel Babies -

As one of only a handful of perinatal hospices, our Angel Babies program assists families whose unborn child has been diagnosed with a lifelimiting illness or who have suffered the loss of their baby in pregnancy or infancy. Pediatric Hospice care is available for babies who are able to be discharged from the hospital.





Pediatric Hospice Care –

Children require different care than adults, so our innovative pediatric hospice program allows for concurrent treatment along with hospice services.

Prison Hospice -

Our prison hospice program trains inmates how to provide comfort care and grief support to fellow inmates with a terminal condition.

Thrift Stores –

Our five Thrift Stores provide discounted clothing, household items, and furniture to those in need in the communities we serve while helping to offset the un-reimbursed costs of hospice care.

Physician and Medical Professional Education -

We provide specialized training to physicians, nurses, and social workers through UC, State and city colleges to increase awareness and communication regarding hospice and palliative care.

Multicultural Outreach -

Recognizing the Central Valley's diverse population, we have developed a comprehensive program to provide culturally sensitive hospice and grief support services.

Global Outreach -

Hinds Hospice organizes and hosts an annual medical conference on International Hospice and Palliative Care in in the Global Community emphasizing information sharing with those who have limited resources.

WHO PAYS FOR HOSPICE CARE?

We accept eligible patients, regardless of their ability to pay. Our goal is to never deny care to those who need it. Medicare, MediCal, VA and most private insurance providers have a benefit covering hospice services and the medication related to the hospice diagnosis as well as equipment such as hospital beds, wheelchairs, and walkers. However, reimbursements do not cover actual expenses, so we rely heavily on community support through the generosity of funds donated by individuals, corporations and foundations. Hinds Hospice is a 501 (c)3 charitable organization.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Contributions can be made online at www.hindshospice.org, or by mailing to Hinds Hospice 1616 W Shaw Ave, Ste. A-5, Fresno, CA 93711 for Fresno and Madera counties, and Hinds Hospice P.O. Box 763, Merced, CA 95341 for Merced County. We also seek volunteers to help with patients, families, special events or in our thrift stores. For more information, call (800) 400-4677. Donations are accepted at all of our thrift stores; items can also be picked up from your home upon request and with special arrangements. Please call a store below for more information and hours of operation:

Chowchilla – I547 Robertson Blvd. (559) 665-I756

Fresno – 3251 N. Cedar

(559) 226-2515

Kerman – 311 S. Madera (559) 846-7350

Madera – 721 S. Gateway

(559) 662-1997 Sanger – 929 Academy

(559) 875-8500