

Hospice of the Red River Valley

What Does Hospice of the Red River Valley Do?

Hospice is end-of-life care that provides comfort and support for those with life-limiting illnesses and their families by attending to their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. The hospice team includes:

Patient's Physician and Hospice's Medical Director

- Oversee the plan of care; work collaboratively with Hospice of the Red River Valley physician and nurse practitioners

Nurse Practitioner

- Work closely with Hospice physicians to provide medical care to hospice patients by managing the symptoms of their illnesses
- Provide support through teaching, advocating and training

Nurse

- Provides expertise in pain and symptom management
- Visits as often as necessary to assess medical needs
- Offers support 24/7 to respond to a crisis or medical emergency, and assists family in caregiver role

Certified Nursing Assistant

- Helps with personal care needs, such as feeding or bathing assistance, shaving or nail care
- Offers light housekeeping services

Social Worker

- Provides emotional support for patients and loved ones
- Helps resolve issues that may occur with a prolonged illness
- Assists in navigating the health care environment, and identifies and connects you with community resources for additional support

Chaplain

- Provides spiritual support to patients of all faiths, if desired
- Communicates with patient's or family's clergy
- Assists with funeral arrangements

Volunteer

- Provides companionship to patients, and offers caregiver respite support
- Assists in the office, at special events, and in special roles such as pet therapists and hair stylists

Grief Specialist

- Offers 13 months of grief support services for loved ones
- Provides grief and loss support groups, which are available to all community members at no charge
- Serves as a community resource and speaks about death, dying and end-of-life issues as requested



Quick Facts

- 2,229 patients served in 2020
- 402 patients served every day, on average
- More than half of our patients live in a long-term care facility
- The majority of our patients have a diagnosis other than cancer

Bismarck • Detroit Lakes • Grand Forks
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Serving patients in all or part of more than
40 counties in North Dakota and Minnesota

“Mom died gently, with dignity and
grace, surrounded by her family.”

- Family member of Hospice patient



History of Hospice of the Red River Valley (HRRV)

- 1981 First patient served out of the Fargo office
- 1983 HRRV becomes the first hospice west of the Mississippi to be Medicare certified
- 1993 HRRV merges with Lakes Area Hospice (Detroit Lakes, Minn.)
- 1995 HRRV merges with Northland Community Hospice (Thief River Falls, Minn.)
- 1998 HRRV opens office in Valley City, N.D.
- 1999 Thief River Falls office sold to First Care out of Fosston, Minn.
- 2002 Average daily census exceeds 100 patients
- 2003 Heirlooms Thrift & Gift, a high-end resale store that supports HRRV, opens
- 2004 Average daily census increases 61 percent; partnership in palliative care begins with major health care facilities

- 2005 Office established in Grand Forks, N.D.; census for the year exceeds 1,000 patients
- 2006 HRRV collaborates with RiverView Healthcare Association in Crookston, Minn., to assume care of the patients in its hospice program
- 2010 HRRV assumes care of First Care hospice patients and reopens Thief River Falls office
- 2011 HRRV celebrates 30 years of service
- 2013 Heirlooms Thrift & Gift celebrates 10 years of business
- 2016 Red River Valley Palliative Care launches, a community-based palliative care program of Hospice of the Red River Valley
- 2019 Office established in Bismarck, N.D.; House Calls launches, a primary care program for those who have difficulty leaving their homes
- 2020 Average daily census exceeds 400 patients
- 2021 HRRV celebrates 40 years of service

Did you know?

- We have 250+ full- and part-time staff and approximately 325 volunteers.
- Medicare and Medical Assistance pays for hospice services, including medical equipment, supplies and medications for the terminal illness and related conditions.
- No one is denied HRRV services, regardless of their age or ability to pay.
- Hospice of the Red River Valley is a non-profit organization with a fundraising goal of \$1.4 million in 2021.
- Hospice of the Red River Valley provides care to patients and families in all or portions of more than 40 counties in North Dakota and Minnesota.
- We operate Heirlooms Thrift & Gift, a high-end resale store in Fargo that supports the organization.

Our Service Area

Our care comes to you. If you are located outside of our service area but are in the periphery, gray area, please contact us anyway. Depending on your specific location, we may be able to help you or your loved one while upholding our commitment to exceptional care and prompt response times.

