I came that they might have life, and have it more abundantly. John 10:10

Perinton Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.



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MISSION STATEMENT

God's love, expressed in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, moves us to establish a ministry where patients nearing the end of a terminal illness can die with dignity and in comfort and where patient, family and friends can share this special time of life in a holistic, supportive environment that extends into the bereavement process.

General Hospice Philosophy

Holistic in nature, hospice care addresses the physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs of the patient with a deep regard for the individuality of each person.

Care is palliative (comfort) rather than curative (aggressive). Symptom control and pain management are priorities.

Patient and family/friends are viewed as a unit of care as each are supported and assisted through this time of transition.

Patient (resident) maintains control. We are there to facilitate, to allow to happen. The support and care we render can help to decrease stress and anxiety for our patients and families.

Emphasis is on <u>living</u> while dying; death being a natural part of life.

Grief has been called "a helplessness that does not call out for help". Bereavement care is offered as an integral follow-up.

It is a privilege to minister to the dying. Some of life's most cherished lessons can be learned from the dying. Among their special needs, the need not to be abandoned and the need to verbalize afford the caregiver unique opportunities to share in this precious time which Elizabeth Kuebler-Ross has called the final stage of growth. This growth can be ours as well.

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