## **How Can We Help?**

As an extension of the services and supplies provided by Columbine Health Systems, Pathways Hospice offers:

- Expert medical care and symptom management.
- 24/7 on-call assistance for families and Columbine Health Systems staff.
- Medical equipment, supplies, and the medications related to serious illness.
- Additional personal care to support the activities of daily living.
- Emotional and spiritual support to meet each patient's and family's needs and wishes.
- Connections to social service resources for assistance with financial, legal, and other issues.
- Art, music, and other therapies.
- Trained volunteer assistance and companionship.

When someone is dealing with their own serious illness, or that of a loved one, it may affect a person's emotions, thoughts, behaviors, and physical well-being.

Knowledgeable and experienced support at the right time can truly make a difference during this period of stress and change.





To find out if hospice would be beneficial, contact your physician, a Columbine Health Systems social services staff member, or Pathways Hospice at 970-663-3500.

Columbine Health Systems and Pathways Hospice have partnered with each other since 1995 to provide medical, emotional, social, and spiritual support for those navigating the last months of life.

## What is Hospice?

Hospice is not a place or an organization; it is a philosophy and a defining model for compassionate medical and comfort care for people in their last months of life and support for their families, friends, and caregivers.

Hospice care focuses on comfort, dignity and symptom management, and provides physical, emotional, and spiritual care based on the unique needs and preferences of each person.

## When is the Right Time for Hospice Care?

Pathways Hospice focuses on quality of life toward the later stages of an advanced illness, not just the final days or weeks.

Many families tell us they wish they had considered hospice care months earlier. They felt the emotional, medical, spiritual, and other assistance would have been beneficial for a longer period of time.

## **About Pathways Hospice**

- Pathways Hospice is a non-profit agency providing medical and comfort care to Northern Colorado residents since 1978.
- The Pathways Hospice staff will visit you at your Columbine residence or in your own home.
- Pathways Hospice provides staff including nurses, certified nursing assistants, grief counselors, social workers, chaplains, music therapists, and trained volunteers.

- Working closely with a patient's personal physician or primary care provider and in conjunction with Columbine staff, Pathways Hospice provides comprehensive hospice care.
- Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance plans cover hospice care. All who are in need have the opportunity to receive hospice care regardless of financial or insurance circumstances.

