



## OUR TEAM

A dedicated team of professionals working with the patient's physician can help the terminally ill patient and their family confront their problems, adjust to them and concentrate on living with dignity for their remaining lifetime.

**IN TOUCH**  
HOSPICE



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**SOMERSET**HOSPITAL  
IN TOUCH HOSPICE

## WHO WE ARE

Somerset Hospital's In Touch Hospice has been providing hospice care to the people of Somerset County since 1978.

In Touch Hospice is a Medicare-certified nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing comfort into the home at this most distressing time. While able to access Medicare and most private insurances, In Touch Hospice has a long history of providing charitable care as a community service.

## WHAT IS HOSPICE?

The concept of hospice shows a concern for the total patient and their family which makes hospice care very different from the traditional forms of health care.



Heaven's Gate Sculpture at the In Touch Hospice House created by local artist David Weimer.

## WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY SOMERSET HOSPITAL'S IN TOUCH HOSPICE

- ▶ Regular visits by nurses trained in the hospice concept 24 hours a day
- ▶ Consultation and cooperation with the patient's physician or the hospice medical director to provide pain and symptom control
- ▶ Provision for the patient's personal care needs
- ▶ Any durable medical equipment and supplies needed to ensure comfort and quality of life
- ▶ Medications related to terminal illness
- ▶ Visitation by a social worker to assist with meeting the patient and family's psychosocial and emotional needs
- ▶ Visitation by the hospice chaplain to assist with the patient and family's spiritual needs
- ▶ Volunteers who become meaningful friends, who are willing to listen, share and help ease the problems of the terminal illness.

## BEREAVEMENT SERVICES

The hospice concept maintains the belief that care does not end with death. Contact continues with the family during the bereavement period.

- ▶ Monthly mailing of the "Journeys" newsletter for the bereaved
- ▶ Monthly support group
- ▶ Camp Ki.D.D. support group for children aged 6-14 years of age who are bereaved
- ▶ An annual memorial service



## IN TOUCH HOSPICE HOUSE

This facility provides a home-like setting for those patients who require a more intense level of care or for those situations when the family needs a short respite from the care they are providing at home. The In Touch Hospice House features:

- ▶ Six patient rooms with the ability to expand to four additional rooms
- ▶ Living room area with a fireplace and children's corner
- ▶ Non-denominational chapel
- ▶ Kitchen
- ▶ Dining Room
- ▶ Sun Porch
- ▶ Office space for the hospice home care staff

