

 Hospice
of
Murray County
Slayton MN 56172
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ANNUAL
HOSPICE
RUMMAGE
Sale

@ the Murray County
Fairgrounds Slayton, MN

September 22, 23, 24, 25 & 26

TIMES: September 22, 23, 24 & 25 • 9am – 7pm

SATURDAY the 26 • 9am – NOON

*Item Drop off
days & times:*

SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 17 & 18

9am – 7pm

BAG SALE

Friday & Saturday



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events!



We cannot accept
**car seats, exercise equipment, TVs,
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furniture in need of repair.**

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Thank you for your understanding and support! ♥

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Finding Comfort in the Sunshine

As summer arrives with its warm sunshine, blooming flowers, and longer days, many people look forward to spending time outdoors with family and friends. Yet for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, this season can bring a mix of emotions.

Summer often reminds us of cherished memories, family picnics, vacations, gardening, fishing trips, community celebrations, or quiet evenings spent together. While these memories can bring comfort, they may also highlight the absence of someone dearly missed.

Grief is not limited to a particular season. It continues to ebb and flow, often appearing when we least expect it. During the summer months, it can be especially difficult when it seems that everyone around us is celebrating and enjoying life. It is important to remember that grief is a personal journey, and there is no timeline for healing.

Finding comfort in the sunshine may look different for everyone. For some, it may mean taking a peaceful walk, tending a garden, or sitting quietly outdoors reflecting on treasured memories. For others, it may mean gathering with family, sharing stories, or continuing traditions that honor a loved one's life.

As you move through the season, consider giving yourself permission to:

- Take things one day at a time.
- Embrace meaningful memories while creating new ones.
- Spend time in nature and appreciate moments of peace.
- Reach out for support when you need encouragement or companionship.
- Allow yourself to experience both joy and sadness without guilt.

The warmth of summer can serve as a gentle reminder that even after loss, moments of comfort, hope, and healing are still possible. The love and memories shared with those we have lost remain with us, shining brightly in our hearts.

At Hospice of Murray County, we are honored to support individuals and families through their grief journey. Our bereavement services are available throughout the year, offering compassionate support, resources, and a listening ear whenever needed.

May you find comfort in the sunshine, strength in your memories, and peace in knowing that you do not walk this journey alone.

Marti Engelkes
Licensed Social Worker, Administrator



It Takes a Team

At Hospice of Murray County, every member of our team plays a vital role, from our office manager to our board of directors. Our nurses, aides, social workers, chaplains, and volunteers work together to provide compassionate, whole-person care. Behind every visit and every moment of comfort is a team dedicated to ensuring patients and families feel supported, respected, and never alone.

What Makes Hospice Different

Hospice care focuses on comfort rather than cure. It is personalized to meet each patient's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Whether care is provided at home, in a hospice house, assisted living, or nursing homes, our goal is to create a peaceful environment where patients can live each day with dignity and comfort.

A Gentle Reminder

If you or a loved one is facing a serious illness, you don't have to walk the journey alone. Hospice is here to provide comfort, guidance, and support when it matters most.

The Importance of Hospice Care

Hospice care is about more than medical support; it's about enhancing quality of life. When a cure is no longer the focus, hospice steps in to provide comfort, dignity, and peace. Our team works closely with patients and families to manage symptoms, ease discomfort, and create meaningful moments during life's final chapter. Choosing hospice is not about giving up, it's about choosing how to live.

Why Early Hospice Matters

Many families wish they had started hospice sooner. Early hospice care allows more time for symptom management, emotional support, and thoughtful planning. It reduces unnecessary hospital visits and helps patients remain in a comfortable, familiar environment. Most importantly, it gives families more time to simply be together.

Moments That Matter

Sometimes the smallest moments leave the biggest impact, a shared laugh, a quiet conversation, or simply holding a hand. Hospice care creates space for these moments, helping families focus on connection, love, and memories that will last a lifetime.

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"Let Us Walk This Journey With You"

At Hospice of Murray County, every member of our team plays an essential role in the care we provide from our dedicated office manager to our committed board of directors. Behind the scenes and at the bedside, each individual contributes to ensuring our organization runs with compassion, integrity, and purpose.

Our care team includes nurses, aides, social workers, chaplains, and volunteers who are devoted to providing support. Together, they care not just about the physical needs of our patients, but also their emotional and spiritual well-being.

It truly takes every role (seen and unseen) to create the comfort, dignity, and peace our patients and families deserve. We are deeply grateful to each person who helps make our mission possible.

OUR VOLUNTEER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Make a Difference as a Hospice Volunteer!

Hospice of Murray County is always looking for compassionate volunteers to support patients and families in our community. Whether you have a few hours a month or more time to give, your presence can make a meaningful difference in someone's life.

With flexible scheduling, volunteering can fit around your work, family, and personal commitments. Whether you're available after work, on weekends, or during your days off, we have opportunities for you to share your time and talents.

If you're looking for a rewarding way to give back and make a lasting impact, we'd love to welcome you to our volunteer team!

For more information or to get started, please contact:

Destinee Miranowski

Volunteer Coordinator

Email: destinee.miranowski@hospiceofmurraycounty.com

VOLUNTEER



"Quality Care you know and expect"

My name is Destinee Miranowski and I recently stepped into the Volunteer Coordinator position following Mary's retirement. I am originally from the Slayton area and have spent most of my life in the community. Throughout my career, I have held a variety of case management positions, ranging from child protection services to helping adults secure funding and support to pursue higher education and earn degrees in fields they are passionate about.

Outside of work, I am the proud mom of a busy, loving, and caring four-year-old son. He was especially excited to learn that I accepted a position with Hospice, as he still remembers the kindness and compassion shown by the Hospice team who provided comfort and care to my grandmother during her final days.

I am excited to begin this new chapter and feel honored to be part of an organization that makes such a meaningful difference in the lives of others. I look forward to meeting everyone and learning more about the people, families, and communities we serve as I settle into this role.

Our annual rummage sale will be here before we know it! As we begin planning for this event, please watch for updates regarding an upcoming meeting where we will discuss details, volunteer opportunities, and ways everyone can help make the sale a success. More information will be shared soon.

Investing in Our Community

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Hospice of Murray County is proud to share that we launched a scholarship this year for students at Murray County Central. This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting future caregivers, encouraging service-minded students, and strengthening the communities we serve.

We are honored to invest in the next generation and look forward to growing this program and expanding scholarship opportunities in the years ahead.

Hospice of Murray County Circle of Care Scholarship

The Circle of Care Scholarship supports students who demonstrate compassion, service, and a commitment to caring for others, values that reflect Hospice of Murray County's mission to support patients and families through every stage of life's journey.

Your #1 Choice for Hospice Care in the Community Since 1987

Community Lunch Gatherings

Let's Have Lunch

No agenda — Just come as you are and share a meal in gentle company.

You're invited to a relaxed, come-as-you-are lunch gathering hosted by our hospice team. No pressure to talk about grief, just a warm space to share a meal in kind company.

**Each person purchases their own meal.*

Upcoming Lunch Dates

July 8, 2026 | 12:00 PM

Bonnie and Clyde's II – Westbrook
101 1st Ave, Westbrook, MN 56183

August 12, 2026 | 12:00 PM

507 Burger and Pizza Co. – Fulda
202 N St Paul Ave, Fulda, MN 56131

Be sure to watch for Hospice of Murray County in these upcoming community parades this summer!

Westbrook Fun Days Parade

Saturday, June 27, 2026 • 3:00 PM

Fulda Wood Duck Parade

Saturday, June 20, 2026 • 6:00 PM

We're proud to be part of these wonderful community celebrations and hope to see many familiar faces along the parade routes!

Murray County Fair

August 12–15, 2026

Stop by and visit us at our booth during the fair!

Our House Wish List

- Eggs
- Brownie/cake mixes
- Large body pillows
- Cribbage board
- Bird seed
- New -Large Coolers
- Deep pocket Single Sheet Sets
- Towels & Wash Cloth Sets
- New- Electric Razors (men/women)
- Paper Products
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- napkins
- paper plates, cups & silverware
- Ziplock Bags
- Cases of Water
- Ground Beef



Support Hospice of Murray County Through Our Amazon Wish List!

Our **Amazon Wish List** makes it easy to donate items that directly support our patients, families, and volunteers.

Here's how you can help:

1. Visit our Amazon Wish List [insert link].
2. Select an item (or several!) that you'd like to donate.
3. Have it shipped directly to Hospice of Murray County.

Every donation, big or small, helps us provide **comfort, support, and care** to those who need it most.

Thank you for making a difference in our community!

Serving Murray County and surrounding communities



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A Heartfelt Thank You

At Hospice of Murray County, gratitude is at the heart of everything we do. We are deeply thankful for the patients and families who allow us to walk beside them during some of life's most meaningful moments. It is an honor to walk this journey alongside you, offering comfort, support, and care every step of the way. Your trust, strength, and stories leave a lasting impact on our hearts every single day.

We are equally grateful for our incredible staff, volunteers, donors, and community supporters who make meaningful, patient-centered care possible. Whether it's offering comfort at the bedside, preparing meals, volunteering time, attending events, or

simply sharing kind words, every act of support matters more than words can express.

Because of this community, Hospice of Murray County continues to provide comfort, dignity, peace, and support to those who need it most. Thank you for standing beside us, believing in our mission, and helping us care for others with kindness and compassion.

Together, we are making a difference - one family, one moment, and one act of love at a time.

With gratitude,
Hospice of Murray County

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