



Webster County St. Anthony's Hospice Case Story



In the summer of 2019, St. Anthony's Hospice served one of its own team members. This patient was a 76 year old who had volunteered since March of 1982 (When the organization began). She volunteered as a receptionist and provided care for patients who did not have family. When this patient was diagnosed with metastatic cancer, she was in a lot of pain. St. Anthony's cared for her in her home for the first 3 months. However, when we were not able to control her pain at home, St. Anthony's transferred her to the Lucy Smith King Care Center General Inpatient United located on the campus of Methodist Hospital.

She had her own room, and a family member stayed with her 24 hours a day. She moved in and made it home. She was content, comfortable and well cared for. Her primary goal was pain management so she could have quality time with her family.

It was important to her that she leave things a certain way, and she needed time in hospice to finish that up. She needed to be awake and pain free. She finished her journals for her 3 sons, she bought christening gowns for babies who didn't yet exist. These were things she wanted to accomplish.

In her 6 months with hospice, she constantly visited with family and had a high quality of life. In the end, St. Anthony's Hospice provided excellent care and gave her the ability to die gently...surrounded by her loved ones. This is what dying well looks like.

How Dollars Help Our Clients



\$100

Provide 7 hours of respite care to a hospice patient.

Provides 4 days of daily medicine required to a hospice patient.

Provides 4 days of bereavement support to a family after the death of a loved one.

\$500

Provides 10 days of supplies to staff at the Lucy Smith King Care Center so they may provide care of patients.

Provides 1 day of respite care at the LSKCC.

\$1,000

Provides 1 day of general inpatient care at the LSKCC.

Provides 10 months of durable medical equipment in a patient's home.

Provides 50 baths given by a certified nurse's aide. Representation at protective order hearings.