

Support
services



BRIDGINGLIFE

Compassionate care for life's transitions



The team of professionals at BridgingLife (formerly Carroll Hospice) provide support, guidance and comfort at the end of life. Learn more about the team and how they work to ensure the quality of life for patients and their families.

Social Workers

The hospice social worker is available to support the patient, family and caregivers in a variety of ways. Upon admission or shortly after, the hospice social worker will meet with the patient, and family or caregivers as needed, to assist in developing a plan that meets the needs and supports the goals of the patient. Additionally, a team of social workers is available for weekend and after-hours support.

Hospice social workers are licensed to provide individual, couples and family counseling. People often face challenges during the end of life. Some of these may be:

- Loss of independence
- Anticipatory grief
- Caregiver fatigue
- Concern for the loved ones you are leaving behind

Social workers are also trained to help patients with advance care planning and end-of-life planning, such as:

- Completing advance directives for healthcare
- Decision-making related to funeral and cremation services
- Assisting with education about and access to community resources to supplement your hospice care

Chaplains

Hospice chaplains are trained to work with patients, families and caregivers of all faith backgrounds and beliefs, as well as those who do not identify with any particular belief system. The role of chaplain is to assess the effectiveness of the belief system of patients, families and caregivers, determining the impact this has on their lives today. Chaplains help tackle the tough questions of the meaning of life, what happens after death, and existential pain and suffering. The chaplains will help patients, families and caregivers explore ways to reduce stress, engage in self-care and add meaning to the final stage of life.

Chaplains are also available to assist in the following ways:

- Coordinate with local faith communities to bring in services specific to your faith
- Religious rites, services and prayer

Child Life Specialist

BridgingLife understands the impact the loss of a loved one has on children. A certified child life specialist is available to help children and teens understand their loved one's illness, the dying process and assist them with their grief.

Grief Support

Support for the family does not end when a loved one dies. BridgingLife is committed to providing grief support for 13 months after a death to help family members cope with that difficult first year.

The McGinnis Bereavement Center in Dove House, BridgingLife's inpatient facility in Westminster, includes a library filled with resources on hospice and the grieving process, and materials are available for borrowing.

In addition, BridgingLife offers support services and grief support resources to families, friends and community members grieving the loss of a loved one. Skilled, caring and certified counselors lead the programs, assisted by trained volunteers in grief and loss.

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Visit bridginglifecare.org to learn more about the support services available and to view the wide range of support groups offered to the public.



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