



What we do:

Hospice by the Bay has forged strong partnerships with other healthcare providers in the Sonoma Valley to work collaboratively – ensuring that all who live in this community – have access to the end-of-life care they need. We provide a palliative care consultation service at Sonoma Valley Hospital and collaborate with the hospital in providing a Hospice Care Room in their acute facility. In this home-like setting, patients who do not have the resources to receive hospice care in their own home have access to comprehensive end-of-life care. There are only a few care options like this one in the Bay Area.

Our annual Lights of Remembrance event is in its 29th year. This special tree-lighting ceremony, held every December on the Sonoma Plaza, provides an opportunity for the community to come together to honor loved ones. Our beautiful hospice tree shines throughout the month.

A single story:

The mission of Hospice by the Bay is to improve the quality of life for our patients, helping them to face the end of life with dignity and comfort. Sometimes those patients are quite alone.

Julia was in a small, shared room in a care facility. She was in her late sixties and was depressed about her terminal diagnosis. She had no family or friends, but did not like having a roommate. She just wanted people to leave her alone. As her disease progressed, her pain worsened, and she became anxious.

Seeing her decline, the care team at Hospice by the Bay consulted with the care facility staff and told Julia of the Hospice Care Room. She agreed to be transferred. In this setting, she received increased medical supervision, and her symptoms were brought under better control. The staff really took a shine to her, and as she began to feel better, she was more accepting of their caring attention. She loved the room and liked looking out the window. After a five-day stay, her condition stabilized, and she was able to move back to the facility. The hospice care team worked with the facility to have her moved to a different room that was larger and had a window. She was so much happier and calmer in her new surroundings. The facility staff was heartened to see that when she died a few weeks later, the despair and isolation she experienced before her stay in the Hospice Care Room had been replaced by feelings of peace and connectedness.

Our future:

Hospice by the Bay is privileged to serve the Sonoma Valley. We will continue to be a leader in ensuring that the community has access to quality care at the end of life.

Our start:

Hospice by the Bay began in 1975 as an all-volunteer agency serving Marin County.

We began offering hospice services in the Sonoma Valley in 1992 as The Valley of the Moon Hospice Team.

We now serve an average of 90 patients each day in Sonoma County.



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