Foundation News

I am fortunate to be the Social Worker for Pike County Hospice. The hospice team provides services to terminally ill patients who choose to no longer seek medical interventions for their illness. In turn they are able to have care, dignity, and respect for their end of life care planning. My position as social worker allows me to provide a variety of services to ensure the care is individualized for each person and their family. Examples of being a hospice social worker are to assist with case management, counsel terminally ill patients and/or their loved ones, and general support. This allows the patient to achieve continuity of care throughout the hospice journey.

As counselor, I support the dying patient’s wishes and assist in resolving life issues that may not have been addressed. Sometimes it is hard to deal with the reality of impending death. Counseling and being a good listener allows the person to now spend quality time with family or maybe take a walk, or take care of matters outside of the home.

People ask me, “How do you do this on a daily basis?” I would say, my desire to help people achieve their wishes is not always easy and I do believe this job is not for everyone. Fortunately for me, it is an honor to work for Pike County Hospice.

Hospice Care

November is national hospice month and this year’s theme is Season’s of Caring. This is very fitting to remind people that life’s final season can be the most fulfilling if people and their families look to hospice for help. This doesn’t mean the person has given up on their life; rather it means they have chosen quality of life until the last day. Hospice and palliative care can give the terminally ill person expert pain and symptom control allowing the quality of life they are seeking. Along with controlling, not curing, the terminal symptoms, the person and their family is provided emotional, social, and spiritual support as they desire. Despite the awareness provided throughout the years about hospice care; it continues to be under utilized by families. Maybe one reason is because of some common myths that still prevail today.

Myth one: The terminally ill person has given up hope. Hospice care is redefining hope. Where the person once hoped for a cure now may hope to relax, take a walk, or do the things they enjoy while helping them to find positive ways of coping with their impending loss as a part of the hospice experience. Our bereavement program continues to support the loved ones for at least one year following the patient’s death.

Donna Ellison, Social Worker

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Message from the Administrator

Pike County Health Department Home Care and Hospice is more than just a health department, a home care and a hospice, it is a part of the community. Pike County Health Department has been serving this county for 62 years. Our Home Health has been around for 41 years and our hospice has served Pike and Northern Lincoln County for 17 years. During all of this time we have been in buildings which were not designed for us. This meant we could never grow with the community. Now we have broken ground for our new facility and we are looking to the future. Our dreams are becoming a reality as our new building is constructed. For so long our dream has been to be in a safe building the community could utilize. Now that dream is almost here and we have to look to the future of how our new building can help the agency and community grow. The new building will help bring the entire agency under one safe roof. This means in the future a family will be able to utilize all 18 of our services at one location. The building will even help serve residents who do not use our services. We will have a large conference room which will be available for the public to use for scheduled events. This new building will also help increase our use of technology which will make us more efficient and bring us into the future. Our new building will be in Bowling Green and I think their slogan of “Rising with the future” is fitting, because for us the future is now and now we have a future.

On October 27th, the Home Care & Hospice Foundation broke ground for the new facility to house all 18 programs and services of the Pike County Health Department, Home Care & Hospice.

Bingman Construction was awarded general contractor. Several local subcontractors will also be working on this project.

Construction began immediately following the groundbreaking ceremony on Pike 312 behind Wal-Mart.

Ground Breaking........
Mission Statement

The Mission of Pike County Health Department, Home Care & Hospice is to promote safety, wellness and comfort for our community by providing quality care and preventive services so that all may experience a healthy, meaningful and meaningful life.

History

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