



# Check the Facts.

## *Not all Hospices are the Same!*

Although all hospice providers are required to provide basic core services, major differences oftentimes exist in the depth and breadth of support provided. Use this checklist to compare Unity services with those of other hospice providers to ensure you receive the professional, compassionate end-of-life care you deserve.

HOSPICE NAME:			Unity
<b>History and Reputation: Is the hospice....</b>			
• Locally owned and trusted with a 45+ year track record of hospice experience?			✓
• Nonprofit? Research shows nonprofit hospices provide a wider range of services for patients and families, a more comprehensive grief support program, broader financial assistance and employ more professional staff.			✓
• Recommended by existing and previous clients? Are testimonials describing their experiences available?			✓
<b>Services: Does the hospice ...</b>			
• Operate an inpatient hospice facility for complex symptom relief, to give the family a break from caregiving if they become exhausted, or for care until the end of the hospice journey?			✓
• Offer Compassionate Touch, intentional skilled touch for patients to reduce pain, anxiety and depression?			✓
• Grant end-of-life wishes for patients to bring joy and meaningful moments?			✓
• Operate a Grief and Education Center offering individual, family and group support which is also extended to family and friends?			✓
• Offer Reflections Legacy Journals to help the life stories of patients live on?			✓
• Offer memorial events throughout the year to honor loved ones?			✓
• Offer Holistic Harmonies Music Program?			✓
• Recognize Veteran patients with a pinning ceremony including a military service certificate, American flag lapel pin and a patriotic hand crafted blanket?			✓
<b>Care Team Members: Does the hospice team include...</b>			
• Full-time, staffed doctors and nurse practitioners credentialed in hospice and palliative care?			✓
• Local nurses, social workers, nursing assistants, and chaplains to ensure prompt pain and symptom control as well emotional and spiritual support?			✓
• Specially trained staff who care for infants and children facing end-of-life?			✓
• Specially trained staff in recognizing and supporting the needs of Veterans while promoting dignity, appreciation and respect?			✓
• Screened and trained volunteers who provide companionship, vigil sitting and personalized Veteran volunteer to Veteran patient support?			✓
<b>Support: Does the hospice offer...</b>			
• 24/7 hotline staffed by triage nurses for by-phone or by-bedside support?			✓
• Help creating advance directives and other end-of-life plans?			✓



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