

Best Practice... *in Palliative Care*

RESIDENTIAL HOSPICE CARE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Your patients now have another choice for their end-of-life care needs. Unity opened the Jack and Engrid Meng Residence in July 2007. The first hospice residence to open in our community offers a "home away from home" environment for people wishing to live out their final days in a residence that specializes in end-of-life care.

The Jack and Engrid Meng Residence has 12 fully-furnished private rooms each with hospital-grade bed, bathroom/shower, TV/DVD, telephone, and individual temperature controls for heating and cooling. One room is fully bariatric equipped. A kitchen, living room, two family rooms and a patio complete the amenities.

The Residence is staffed 24 hours, seven days a week with skilled nurses. Our patients' care teams also include physicians, chaplains, social workers, bereavement counselors and volunteers.

Since July 2007, over 70 people have chosen the Residence as their home. Patients and families have been satisfied with their rooms, amenities, the staff and care provided to them. The average resident stay is two weeks. Hospice care services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and other funding sources. Room and board is covered by private insurance, private pay and community support.

If you have a patient who may be interested in this level of care, a referral to Unity is as easy as a phone call by the patient, their family or your staff to us at 920.338.1111.

If you are interested in touring the Residence, please contact Rance Hafner, MD, at 920.338.1111.

For more information, visit our website at www.unityhospice.org

Did you know?

There are several websites that address clinical and program issues related to hospice and palliative care.

In fact, most of the information shared in Best Practices is taken from Fast Facts, a publication found on the EPERC website.

www.eperc.mcw.edu

www.nhpco.org

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