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Delaware Hospice Launches Website To Support Those Facing Serious Illness

Delaware Hospice, the leading nonprofit hospice serving the state of Delaware and Southern Chester and Delaware Counties in Pennsylvania, recently launched a new website designed to help people facing a serious illness and their loved ones gain resources and information. The site, www.delawarehospice.org went live this week.

“At Delaware Hospice, we believe in empowering our patients with education, choices, and options. We wanted to create a website where individuals could find the information, resources, and support they need to make informed decisions at any stage of their serious illness,” said Susan D. Lloyd, MSN, RN, President and CEO, Delaware Hospice.

Research shows that the comprehensive approach of hospice care (physical, social, psychological, spiritual) greatly improves the quality of life for both the patient and their family. But the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) states that nearly one-third of hospice patients die within a week of admission, therefore they are not able to fully benefit from the services hospice care provides.

“Every day we reach out to those we care for and help them have a better quality of life through the services, resources, and support we provide. We wanted to do that on a broader spectrum, one that has the potential to help many more individuals,” said Lloyd.

The site is designed for anyone facing a serious illness, their caregivers and family. Free information is provided within the site on topics that matter most to people facing a life limiting illness in language they can understand. Beyond helping individuals understand hospice, healthcare choices, and their healthcare options, the site also supports patients and family caregivers. Content includes information on: Dealing with Caregiver Stress, Caregiving Techniques, Speaking To Others About Your Wishes, and much more. Site visitors can also learn about free tools and services to help them plan ahead. Delaware Hospice will also continue to supplement the resources found on www.delawarehospice.org through a Caregivers blog, Facebook and Twitter.

“One thing that we hear continually from those we care for is that they wish someone had spoken to them about hospice care sooner. I believe we all want to spend our final days or months in comfort, with dignity, surrounded by those we love and in as much control as possible. We believe hospice care makes this possible. We hope our site provides the information and insights that will make it easier to consider hospice care,” said Lloyd.

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Since 1982, Delaware Hospice has provided the highest quality hospice and healthcare services, and serves as a trusted community partner in end-of-life education and support. Accredited by the Joint Commission, Delaware Hospice continues to be the largest and only licensed, nonprofit, community-based hospice serving Delaware. Now also providing care in Pennsylvania; southern Chester and Delaware counties. For more information about Delaware Hospice’s programs and services, upcoming events, or employment opportunities, call 800-838-9800 or visit our website, www.delawarehospice.org.