

# CARING HEARTS HOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

is a palliative care service designed to assist individuals diagnosed with a life-threatening illness who do not yet qualify for hospice care but who do need support and guidance as they deal with the physical, emotional, and spiritual distress inherent to their condition.

The goal of The Caring Hearts Home Assistance Program is to significantly increase the quality of life for the patient and their family through practical and physical support as well as educational guidance.

Services offered through this program include an initial assessment by an RN or Social Worker to discuss and determine the specific needs of the individual patient and family, a monthly follow-up visit or phone call by an RN or Social Worker as is most applicable to those needs, twice-a-week Home Health Aide visits for such things as baths and linen changes as needed, as well as Chaplain and Volunteer support. All services are provided through a physician's order or referral.



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For more information, please call

**767-6699**

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### IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE CARING HEARTS HOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, PATIENTS MUST MEET THREE SIMPLE REQUIREMENTS

- Be a resident of Colbert, Franklin, or Lauderdale County
- Have a life expectancy of less than eighteen months
- Be referred by a physician

Hospice of the Shoals is proud to offer the Caring Hearts Home Assistance Program as a free service to the community we serve. The program is open to any qualifying individual. Anyone wishing to donate to help fund Caring Hearts may make their donations directly to Hospice of the Shoals.

Hospice of the Shoals is the community-oriented, not-for-profit hospice serving Colbert, Franklin, and Lauderdale counties since 1992 and is a member of the local United Way. Donations are fully tax-deductible.

### KEY ELEMENTS

- Care for the physical needs of the patient  
Attention to the spiritual and emotional needs of both the patient and family
- Coordination with patient's physician
- Assistance with pain and symptom management
- Education for family regarding comfort measures for patient
- Support provided in addition to services already being administered by a home health agency and without regard to whether the patient is receiving treatment for their illness
- Allows the patient and family to make informed choices as their needs and conditions change
- Helps patient more adequately maintain an increased quality of life in their own home environment