



## PROVIDING INTENSIVE HOSPICE CARE AND ASSISTANCE FOR CAREGIVERS.

The focus of Hospice physicians and nurses is always comfort. Our goal for patients is to remain at home (house or facility home); however, sometimes the seriously ill need more Intensive Comfort Care. That's the best way to describe the Hospice Care Center— **an ICU for hospice patients who will be seen by a physician each day.**

Our Care Center is the only one of its kind within 75-miles. The level of pain and symptom management offered matches the top care that is being delivered in large cities across the nation. The Hospice Care Center is also here to support caregivers when they need a break for a few days. The center may be utilized up to 5 days, giving the patient excellent, 24-hour care in a private room while the caregiver makes time to rest and recharge, go to appointments, travel out of town or even take a needed vacation.

**We are committed to the well-being of Patients AND Caregivers!**

## In Her Own Words Martha Morriss

*I am amazed at the good benefits Josh and I have received from his using Hospice of Texarkana. Mostly it's the caring nurses. They're super! And the physical benefits are great. They discovered his swollen ankles and changed his meds twice in one week until they got the right combination and came back to check on him. His ankles are almost normal and he didn't have to make trips to the doctor. Also we no longer pay \$360 monthly for Eliquis, nor have to worry about toe nail trimming. And every time they come they ask how I'm doing and give me a hug. **Thanks Hospice of Texarkana.***

- Written about her husband's care in early April. She unexpectedly passed away on April 6, 2019



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## In His Own Words

Calvin Moore  
Loving husband of Hospice Volunteer  
Terry Moore of 47 years.

"There's two things Terry liked doing: One was coming to Hospice of Texarkana to make things for patients and the other was quilting. She had to give Hospice volunteering up when she found she had cancer. We worked several years to get rid of that, but didn't quite get the job done. We finally found out it wasn't doing any good to run all the miles to MD Anderson, and then her health took a turn for the worse.

I don't know what I would've done if it wasn't for Hospice of Texarkana helping me out. They

came right in and helped and would get it all done—especially with medicines. The last week of her life, she walked into the Care Center and she didn't walk out.

For about a year I had a really tough time and I wouldn't wish this on anybody. But I am glad that Hospice was here to help me through this and I'm grateful that the men's group is here. I didn't think it would ever get better, but it has gotten better."

Learn more about our Hospice Widower's Support Group on other side.



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## Your Help is Needed!

Donations to us are appreciated and are tax-deductible in accordance with IRS guidelines.

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[hospiceoftexarkana.org/online\\_giving](http://hospiceoftexarkana.org/online_giving)

**MAIL DONATIONS TO:**  
2407 Galleria Oaks  
Texarkana, TX 75503

## Did you know?

We are the only nonprofit hospice within 50-miles of Texarkana in Texas or Arkansas. We were founded in 1985 by The Junior League of Texarkana and have continually served the region. The Hospice Care Center is a \$5.2 million investment we made in 2016 and is the only free-standing center within 75-miles.

We are proud to be affiliated with:



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WHEN YOU NEED US...  
**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.**



Call on *Hospice of Texarkana* if your loved one has been:

- hospitalized or has been admitted to the Emergency Room several times in the past 6 months
- experiencing shortness of breath, even while resting, and has to rely on continual oxygen
- experienced a significant fall, or multiple falls, in the past 6 months
- spending a great deal of time in moderate or severe pain
- experiencing unintentional weight loss, or requires supplements to maintain their weight
- noticeably weaker, bound to their bed, and/or needing assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADL)
- experiencing multiple urinary tract infections (UTI)
- told by a physician that life-expectancy is limited

Hospice of Texarkana also provides respite care for patients whose caregivers have been left exhausted and in need of a break. This valuable assistance may be available for you for up to five days.



## INTRODUCING OUR MEDICAL LEADERSHIP TEAM



**Dr. Ed Eichler**  
Medical Director



**Dr. Brent Bennett**  
Medical Director



**Dr. Rod Echols**  
Medical Director



**Dr. Alvin Payne**  
Medical Director



**Leasa Roach,**  
Nurse Practitioner

One of our Medical Directors makes patient rounds at the Hospice of Texarkana Care Center each and every day. Their mission is to ensure that each patient is as comfortable as possible.

“There are no other hospices in Texarkana that can offer the kind of services we do,” Dr. Brent Bennett says.

“Hospice care is truly our specialty. We have social workers, our chaplain, and volunteers - such a variety of support. I compare our

situation to an Intensive Care Unit in a hospital. When you go to a hospital ICU, you go with the intent of leaving the ICU to a regular hospital bed and eventually home. This is the same concept here.

Our goal is for the patient to be at home, where they are most peaceful and comfortable. When they return home, they still have our nurses visiting and available 24/7 to help.

What we are able to do always surprises people. You couldn't ask for a better place.”

### HOSPICE HONORS

**Hospice of Texarkana has been named a 2019 Hospice Honors recipient by HEALTHCAREfirst.**

Hospice Honors is a prestigious program that recognizes hospices providing the highest level of quality as measured from the caregiver's point of view.



### When is it time for Hospice Care?

Our care is for those who have a life-limiting illness. Patients can be any age and have diagnoses including, but not limited to: Heart Disease (Congestive Heart Failure); Lung Disease (COPD and Emphysema) ALS; Cancer; Alzheimer's Disease or AIDS. Care should begin as early as possible to maximize the benefits of our physical and emotional care. A home visit by a staff member is a good way to receive information. Call 903-794-4263 any day of the week to arrange an informational visit.

### Myths VS. Facts

about Hospice of Texarkana Care:

- ❌ Patients must choose the hospice recommended to them by their hospital, nurse or physician.
- ✅ Patients have the right to choose whichever hospice they prefer.
- ❌ Hospice of Texarkana Care Center is a nursing home and patients are meant to stay indefinitely.
- ✅ Our Care Center is designed much like an Intensive Care Unit - to provide symptom management so patients may return to their home setting.
- ❌ A patient from any hospice may be admitted to the Hospice of Texarkana Care Center for symptom management.
- ✅ A patient must be on-service with Hospice of Texarkana to have access to the Center. If you are interested in our care options, please call 903.794.4263 any time of day or night.
- ❌ Hospice patients have to go to the pharmacy and purchase the medicines they need.
- ✅ Hospice of Texarkana will pay for virtually all medicines for comfort care and delivers them directly to the patient.

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### Our Area of Service:

We serve patients who live in homes, nursing homes, assisted living facilities are in the hospital or our Care Center.

Free consultations day or evening.  
Call today: **903.794.4263**



As part of the prestigious We Honor Veterans Program, Hospice of Texarkana specializes in the comfort of end-of-life patients with a history of military service.

**Hospice of Texarkana will honor dozens of heroes at Veteran Ceremonies this year.**  
For more information, call 903.794.4263.



### In His Own Words Cory R. Davis



*During the first week of May our family was slapped with a harsh reality that none of us wanted to face. We learned that our Papaw was incredibly sick and there was nothing that we could do. Our team of physicians suggested we consider hospice care. With broken hearts we accepted our reality. Papaw was cared for and loved at the Hospice of Texarkana Care Center for 10 days. During our time there, our family was continuously impressed by the care provided to him and to us.*



**The team of staff, nurses, physicians, and volunteers made this very sad time such an uplifting experience.”**

## We'll get there together.

### COMPLIMENTARY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Most Bereavement groups are held at the Hospice Care Center, 2407 Galleria Oaks Dr., Texarkana, Texas  
Movers and Shakers Group is held at Central Mall.

#### Adult Support Group

Meets weekly on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. or on Saturdays at 10:45 a.m. at the Care Center. The group focuses on bereaved people talking with each other, and the group leader, about their grief journey while hearing some healthy ideas about dealing with grief

#### Crochet/Knitting Group

Meets weekly to make shawls and bags for our patients on Mondays at 10 a.m.

#### Comfort Through Scripture:

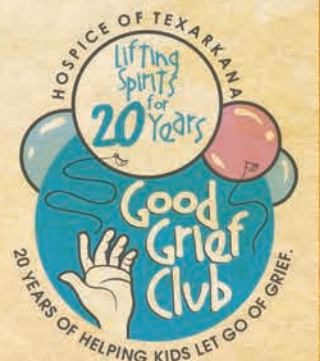
What does the Bible say about loss? Our Chaplain Coordinator shares insights each Monday at 11 a.m. This inspiring meeting is open to any grieving adult.

#### Movers and Shakers

This Group has coffee together at Central Mall in Texarkana each Thursday, 8:15-9:15 a.m., at the tables across from Chick-Fil-A. Attend 3 times to receive a free t-shirt!

#### Widower's Support Group:

Men who have lost their wives have coffee together every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. The group is led by Richard Martin.



#### Good Grief Club/ Good Grief Day

We host several Good Grief Days each year. The 2-4 hour event is filled with crafts, pet therapy and supportive group projects. It is facilitated by Licensed Medical Social Workers who help kids understand the many feelings of grief and teach them healthy ways to express those feelings.

If you think that your child could benefit from our next Good Grief Day, call Amy or Brett at 903.794.4263.

We want to give a special thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Texarkana for a \$500 grant to help support this program!



Call our Volunteer Coordinator at 903-794-4263 or stop by the Hospice Care Center.