

No One Dies Alone

Support and comfort during the final stage of life.

From time to time, residents in nursing homes have neither family nor friends to be with them as they near the end of their life. Even when loved ones are able to be present, they may need to take an occasional break away or desire someone to sit along side them for extra support.

The goal of the **No One Dies Alone** program at **Dove Healthcare-West** is to provide the reassuring presence of a Volunteer Companion to dying residents. Whether it is a willingness to hold a hand, fluff a pillow, or just be present, Volunteer Companions perform a variety of comfort care measures.

Residents and family members are invited to talk to their Dove Healthcare-West Nurse Case Manager or Social Worker to ask questions and learn more.

Community members interested in becoming a Volunteer Companion are invited to talk to the Dove Healthcare-West Volunteer Coordinator.

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Receive support. Give support.

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Volunteer to be a companion.

We welcome adults from the community with a desire to help and be with our residents during their final stage of life.

Simply complete the application and return for screening and background check.

The application is located on the Dove Healthcare-West website End-of-Life Care page or one can be mailed to you.

Once approved, you must attend a training session to learn what it means to be compassionately present at the bedside of a dying person. Volunteer Companions are required to maintain the complete confidentiality of each resident and respect their spirituality.

No One Dies Alone was founded in 2002 by Sandra Clarke, a critical care registered nurse at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Eugene, Oregon. The program won several awards and spread to healthcare facilities across the nation. We are grateful for the permission she has given so programs like ours could be established.