

Good Shepherd Hospice provides the comfort, care and compassion needed by patients with life-limiting illnesses and their loved ones.

Hospice is a philosophy of care, not a specific place. Care is most often given in the patient's or family member's home, although it may take place in a hospital, skilled nursing facility or a facility dedicated to hospice services. Care is focused on patient comfort in an environment that affirms life and dignity, and provides additional support to family members. Hospice involves a whole network of professional caregivers that work in conjunction with the patient's primary care physician to provide care that meets the goals and values of the patient and family.

Hospice services are reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid and most health insurance plans for both home care and in-patient care. We rely on donations and memorial gifts from organizations and individuals to continue to provide care to those in our community with little or no economic resources.

Good Shepherd Hospice is accessible to all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, lifestyle or economic status.



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Gabriel's Courage

Perinatal Comfort Support for Families



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Gabriel's Courage

What is Gabriel's Courage?

Gabriel's Courage is a family-centered prenatal program for families who receive a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis during their pregnancy. The program offers a multidisciplinary team approach to care and support throughout pregnancy, birth and post-birth. A program of Catholic Health Services (CHS) and Good Shepherd Hospice, Gabriel's Courage works in collaboration with the Diocese of Rockville Centre's peer ministry initiative to provide care to families.

What Services are Offered?

Gabriel's Courage works with your obstetrician and neonatal teams to provide you with compassionate support, education and birth planning services. The program assists families throughout the journey of pregnancy, labor, birth, life and remembrance. Professionals involved with the coordination of care can include registered nurses, social workers, chaplains, child life specialists and bereavement specialists.

Services can include:

- An initial evaluation in the hospital, doctor's office or at home
- Coordination of care among multiple medical providers
- The development of an individualized Birth Plan that honors parents' desires and needs
- Welcoming and honoring your baby
- Assistance with spiritual and cultural rituals
- Memory making and creating cherished keepsakes
- Individual and family counseling
- Sibling support through visits with a certified child life specialist
- Home Health Care or Hospice referral, if appropriate
- Assistance with funeral and/or memorial planning
- Bereavement support
- Access to community resources
- Peer Ministry Volunteers

What is the Perinatal Comfort Birth Plan?

The Perinatal Comfort Birth Plan is a thoughtful, compassionate approach that allows parents to make important decisions about the labor, delivery and post-partum care for mother and child. This document affirms your role as parents, allowing hopes, goals and values to be expressed in a way that is most meaningful to you and your family. It is a living document that serves as a guide for care and allows for ongoing changes as circumstances evolve. To ensure the parents' wishes are known, the Birth Plan is reviewed with the Labor and Delivery team prior to delivery. We are happy to provide you with a sample Perinatal Comfort Birth Plan.



Who is Eligible for These Services?

Any woman living in Nassau or Suffolk who has received a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis is eligible for Gabriel's Courage services.

What is the Cost?

Generally, there are no costs to families for Gabriel's Courage services. Insurance benefits for services will be used when appropriate.

How Can I Access the Program?

A primary physician, obstetrician, maternal-fetal medicine consultant, or neonatologist can arrange a referral. Or, you can self refer or be referred by your community clergy. Please call 631-465-6363 to learn more about the program.

Do I Have to be a CHS Patient?

No. The Gabriel's Courage team works with all Nassau and Suffolk hospitals. Please contact us via the referral number.