



Hospice In Our Own Words

What Hospice has Brought to Us

Hospice is made up of special persons, each willing to give of the best of themselves. They give encouragement, laughter, joy and knowledge that - Yes – you will make it through this very hard time in your life. Most importantly, you are not ALONE, the Hospice Team is not a separate entity – YOU are a member of the Hospice Team too!

Even when we get discouraged, as we must with this very serious illness that Gary has, there is someone who listens, who hears you, tells you to be patient with yourself. And that – Yes, it is okay not to expect too much of your self. Without realizing it, a healing begins an acceptance. It is at this time one begins to experience life with even more intensity than before, and more holistically, with your entire mind, body and spirit. Once again, you will make your life a celebration. The Hospice Team has a way of reaching out to render care for the human body without disturbing the special spirit of the Person.

They help us to realize that each of us has within us that which is necessary to remake our lives. The time comes, when once again you are able to make the personal commitment to dedicate yourself to the process of living your life fully, not only to exist in life, but to experience it totally; with it the realization that your life is an original document which you alone can create. Either create it or it never will exist. That life

is a process of changes, the life we had yesterday, the life we have today is not necessarily the life of tomorrow – yet – it can be wonderful and exciting to live in the moment.

The Hospice Team has helped Gary and I realize the power is within each of us to live each day to the fullest. It is ours to draw upon whenever we wish. It never dies. It simply lies dormant until we need it – it is there now, dormant, waiting for our need to reach in and activate the power. It is not mysterious. It is a gift given to us by our Creator.

I have learned from these special people with their unique talents, that Life is always ready and open at our side to share its resources. They have voiced many times: "We are Hospice, one of these resources. We love you, we are here to listen to your pain, your sorrow, your loneliness, and your tears – We are your friend, TOGETHER we will make laughter, joy and beauty a reality."

The Hospice Team imparts the continual wonder of life and living; have helped Gary make full use of potentialities, accept himself as part of the greater mystery of life, and let him share in the love, joy, beauty and wisdom of the world around him.

Ernest Hemingway said, "Man was not made for defeat. Man can be destroyed, but not defeated."

Gratefully, Gary and Linda