

**YOU matter because you are you, and you matter to the end of your life. We will do all we can not only to help you die peacefully, but also to LIVE until you die.”**

*~Dame Cicely Saunders, the founder of the modern hospice movement*



Dear Friend of Hospice of the North Country:

You want to live each day to its fullest. We all do. Sometimes that involves putting in a good day at work, spending time with your best friends, or enjoying spontaneous moments. You may also have a blast on family vacations, at parties, or at holiday celebrations you take care to plan. And, as your house quiets for the night, you plan what you will do the next day.

Planning for tomorrow can be challenging for those living with terminal illness and the people who love them. There are also times when our patients need to be reminded how important they are, especially at the end of life's journey. We believe passionately in Dame Cicely Saunders' philosophy; we do everything in our power to protect our patients' dignity and help them live each day to its fullest. **And, you can help our caregivers make a lasting impact on our patients and families.**

*This is just one of many stories about families cherishing moments and making memories for a lifetime...a love story made possible by people like you.*

A loving husband and father, limited by his illness, was unable to share a bed with his wife or take a family vacation with their children. The couple expressed a desire to get away if only for one night, but they were afraid they wouldn't be able to manage a trip. We wanted to help make their wish a reality. All we needed to do was provide special education, support, and facilitate access to a hospice if they needed help while they were away.

I am pleased to tell you we were able to make their wish come true. This was the happiest family at the amusement park. They had an amazing time; they laughed, they relaxed, they lived in the moment. Amazingly this couple was able to sleep in the same bed for the first time in more than three years. We have it on good authority that our patient was so happy he giggled all night long!

***P.S. Our wish is that this family's story inspires you to donate to Hospice of the North Country today! Your contribution is vital. You can make sure that more families experience hospice care benefits. Please help us make every moment count for the patients and families we serve.***

Sincerely,

Natalie Whitehurst, Executive Director  
Hospice of the North Country