

# Hospice Jeopardy Help Sheet

## HOSPICE HISTORY

Hospice of NWO is a non-profit organization that started in Feb. 1979.

In 1995, the Perrysburg building was constructed with 25 beds.

The Toledo Hospice inpatient building opened in Feb. 2004 with 24 beds.

Hospice of NWO celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June of 2006.

Hospice NWO has a Mission Statement which is:

“...to substantially improve the quality of life for terminally ill patients and their families in our community by providing exceptional care. We celebrate the quality and value of service to each patient and family.”

## MYTHS ABOUT HOSPICE (T/F)

Hospice is for people that have no hope. **FALSE!** With hospice, the miracle is not in the cure, it is in the care.

Hospice “dopes” people up so they become addicted or sleep all the time. **FALSE!** Hospice has unmatched expertise in managing pain so that patients are alert and comfortable.

Hospice is not just a place. **TRUE!** It is a philosophy of care. Hospice patients receive care wherever they live.

Hospice is only for people with cancer. **FALSE!** Hospice serves people with all types of progressive, terminal diseases, of all ages, gender, or religion.

Hospice is for people who only have a few days to live. **FALSE!** Hospice care can be provided when a cure is no longer possible and is for people who are believed to have six months or less to live.

## GOALS

Hospice does not try to cure patients but instead, focuses on the care and comfort of the patient

“Answers for living the last months of life.” is the motto for Hospice.

Hospice’s vision statement is “To provide care and education that positively transforms the way people view and experience the end of life.”

Hospice gives the patient the opportunity to say good-bye, I love you, I’m sorry, please forgive me, I forgive you.

Hospice takes the burden off of families, both physically and emotionally.

## 5 “W’S” – OR THE “WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY” OF HOSPICE.

Inpatient buildings, homes, and extended care facilities (nursing homes) are 3 places *where* Hospice care is provided

*When* patients have been diagnosed with a terminal illness and have six months or less to live they are eligible for Hospice care.

A team of people including MDs, RNs, HHAs, therapists, chaplains, pharmacists, social workers, dieticians, Tanner, Sam, and volunteers like YOU are the people *who* make hospice valuable and unique

It does not matter *what* religion or race a person is. Anyone of any race or religion is accepted into Hospice.

*Why* do families and patients choose Hospice? So that patients are comfortable and receive exceptional care through their end of life journey.