

## CARE Initiative

The **CARE** Initiative offers these services to all patients and their families **free of charge**. This is made possible through a grant from the New York State Department of Health Community Based Cancer Support Services Program.

The **CARE** Initiative is a division of the Palliative Care Program of Good Shepherd Hospice. The participants that are referred to or enrolled in this initiative are not hospice patients nor do they ever have to be appropriate for hospice care. The goal of this initiative is to provide counseling guidance and education to patients and their families during an illness from the moment of diagnosis or throughout the trajectory of a disease to enhance quality of life.



### **CONTACT US:**

#### **The CARE Initiative...**

accepts referrals from individuals, families, and health care providers for **free supportive counseling**.

For more information, contact us at 631-474-5500 Monday through Friday and ask to speak with a member of the **CARE** team

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## The **CARE** Initiative

*Counseling  
Advocacy  
Resource  
Education*



**The CARE Initiative  
A Palliative Care program  
Of  
Good Shepherd Hospice**

*A member of  
Catholic Health Services of Long Island*

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Counseling, Advocacy, Resource,  
Education Initiative

It is the mission of the CARE Initiative to provide counseling, guidance and education to enhance the well being and the quality of life for all who reside in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

The CARE Program is designed to offer free counseling and guidance to obtain appropriate health care support for a patient and their family. Counseling and referrals to community resources, durable medical equipment and home care agencies can be provided to ensure that the quality of life for one is always at its highest level. This initiative offers support in the comfort of one's home or through periodic telephone calls.

Recognizing that making health care decisions can cause stress for individuals and their families, the CARE Initiative seeks to offer free assistance and support.

*The CARE Initiative  
is committed to the  
value of their services:*

**Accountability:** to take initiative in the ethical decision making process of appropriate services to the community.

**Collaboration:** to provide guidance in an atmosphere of cooperation mutual respect as an individual or group.

**Improvement:** to continually strive for excellence and higher levels of service.

**Dignity:** to provide counseling and support to the community with courtesy and respect as an individual or group.

**Diversity:** to respect the community we serve as having unique backgrounds, experience and viewpoints when providing assistance.

**Innovation:** to support and encourage creativity, education and change to continually improve services.

*The CARE Initiative  
Provides  
Community Education:*

The CARE Initiative offers educational programs to health care facilities, treatment centers, senior clubs, civic associations, schools, faith communities, health related residences in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. These programs focus on educating the specific needs of the community the CARE Initiative serves. The CARE Initiative focuses on the needs of the patient and family as they utilize the health care continuum throughout LI.

The CARE Initiative is a division of the Palliative Care Department.

**The goal** of the Palliative Care Department of Good Shepherd Hospice is to raise awareness within our service area including professional organizations regarding health care options that are available.

**Our Mission** is to provide counseling, guidance and education to enhance the quality of life for all effected by illness.