

Hospice Care Benefits Patients and Families



Great Lakes Caring has helped many patients and families with hospice care. This is the story from Gigi Newsham whose mother was cared for by Great Lakes Caring Hospice.

“By the time my mother turned 80 I could see some changes, but we all live in denial,” said Gigi. “When they forget a word they fill in the blank; or when they are telling a story it may not be as accurate as you recall and they substitute a situation that they think fits the conversation.”

At Great Lakes Caring we are here to educate the family and friends of what to look for when someone they care for may begin showing signs of decline. Being able to start intervention early will help the

patient and family understand the process and what can be done to make life more comfortable.

“I had made a list of all of her symptoms and then went with my mother to her cardiologist to discuss them privately and he said she probably has dementia.”

“When we got the final diagnosis of dementia, hospice did enter my mind but my mother was still cognizant in her own world. She wasn’t getting physically sick or weak, so I didn’t understand that I could institute Great Lakes Caring Hospice and there would be a benefit to me as a family member. I thought you only started hospice when there was severe physical decline.”

“I wish I would have known sooner. It would have benefited me as a family member; it would have given me some relief.”

Great Lakes Caring Hospice is a positive choice that gives you the opportunity to make your own decisions, and continue to receive an exceptional level of compassionate care for you or a loved one. Contact us to find out more about hospice and why understanding the process now will be a benefit in the future.

