



**HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE  
OF WESTCHESTER**

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Kate Colburn

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## A Hand To Hold

With 59 employees, 60 volunteers and a “fabulously hard-working Board of Directors,” Hospice and Palliative Care of Westchester eases the pain, minds and burdens of more than 120 patients (and their families) every day.

A private, not-for-profit agency that provides comprehensive health care services to people with an advanced illness who live in Westchester County, Hospice’s programs and services are available to people of all ages with any diagnosis. Hospice staff and volunteers work in homes, assisted living facilities, nursing homes and hospitals.

Medicare covers all the costs of care for 88% of the patients, but no one is turned down for services if they are underinsured or uninsured. “The health care system is built around the haves and the have-nots, but we’re bound and determined that people who don’t have coverage and want to be home are not denied care,” explains Hospice Executive Director Kate Colburn. “We think we do a really good job helping people.”

Volunteers are a critical part of the organization’s ability to accomplish its mission of providing extraordinary and dignified comfort, care and compassion to every individual and family facing a serious or life-threatening illness. Aside from a Federal mandate that they provide at least 5% of direct services, volunteers comfort patients by reading, talking, or just being a presence; and give much-needed respite to caregivers.

“People receiving hospice and/or palliative care have three spiritual needs,” Kate says. “A connection to themselves, a connection to a power greater than themselves, and a connection to the community at large... that connection to the community is what our volunteers provide.”