

# *Volunteer to be a companion.*

*Offer support to those who are dying.*

From time to time residents in nursing homes have neither family nor friends to be with them as they near the end of their life. Even when loved ones are able to be present, they may need to take an occasional break away.

The goal of the **No One Dies Alone** program at **Dove Healthcare-West** is to provide the reassuring presence of a Volunteer Companion to dying residents who would otherwise be alone. Whether it is a willingness to hold a hand, fluff a pillow, or just be present, Volunteer Companions perform a variety of comfort care measures.

We welcome adults from the community with a desire to help and be with our residents during their final stage of life. Volunteer shifts are flexible, so you can choose as much or as little time as you prefer. To provide 24-hour coverage, ideally each Volunteer Companion will be available to cover a four hour period.

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Call **715.720.2282** to volunteer today!

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**Visit [www.dovehealthcare.com](http://www.dovehealthcare.com) to download an application, stop in and pick one up, or call 715.720.2282 to have one mailed to you.**

Then, simply complete the application and send it to the Chaplain-Spiritual Care Director for screening and background check.

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Once approved, you must complete a comprehensive training and orientation session where you will learn what it means to be compassionately present at the bedside of a dying person. As a Volunteer Companion, you are required to maintain the complete confidentiality of each resident and respect their spirituality.

**Becoming a Volunteer Companion is...**  
*The Right Choice.*

*No One Dies Alone* was founded in 2002 by Sandra Clarke, a critical care registered nurse at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Eugene, Oregon. The program won several awards and spread to healthcare facilities across the nation. We are grateful for the permission she has given so programs like ours at Dove Healthcare - West could be established.