

Beneath the weight of a life-threatening illness such as cancer or HIV, financial pressure and still focusing on the development of the children in the household, family units may crumble and a person's right to decent and dignified end-of-life care is stripped away.



It matters how a person faces the end of their life. This is why exist!

Knysna Sedgefield Hospice steps in to provide **the best possible, holistic palliative care and support to anyone facing a life-threatening illness**, as well as their family. Our multi-disciplinary team works together to give hope, dignity, and relief to each of our patients, as well as bereavement, and other support to their children and families.

Since 1986 we have served the area between Harkerville and Wilderness in the Western Cape. We care for **over 210 patients a month**, including an average of 13 sick children. We care for our patients at no cost to them, and without prejudice or favouritism. Our staff make more than **1 230 home visits a month** to bring hope to the homes of our patients and courage to over 120 children and other family members. Our work is arduous, challenging and imperceptibly important.

Our nurses and social workers show immense compassion and kindness to every patient. They teach family members how to **properly care for their loved one**, and our bereavement groups have helped countless family members to process their loved one's death and find the strength to lead a meaningful, positive life going forward.

We facilitate **support groups for the children of our patients** – these groups offer encouragement and a safe place to grieve and process their stress. We also provide school uniforms and Dignity Packs filled with basic toiletries for the children and other family members in our support groups.

We are driven by a passion for **dignity and hope for all**. We cannot do it alone and invite you to change the lives of our patients, even at their very end. Your contribution, whether large or small, is equally important to us and will go a long way in strengthening our hands to care for and treat our patients. Please be in touch via email (hilary@hospiceknysna.org.za) or (044) 384 0593.

Sincerely,
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