

## *Hospice and Palliative Care at the Alpine View Lodge*

Palliative care is the prevention and relief of suffering by a medical team that focuses on managing symptoms, relieving pain and improving quality of life, whatever the diagnoses.

Hospice care is a form of palliative care for patients with a life expectancy of months rather than years. Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia is the fourth leading cause of death for elderly in the United States. End stage dementia is a hospice appropriate diagnosis. Hospice is funded by Medicare and most private insurances. Hospice will provide:

- Durable medical equipment, such as hospital bed, over bed tray table, wheelchair, commode, oxygen equipment, special mattress to prevent skin breakdown and other equipment, as needed.
- Coverage of medications and supplies related to management of the terminal illness, pain and symptom management.
- Professional medical professionals, including nursing, social workers, pharmacy and physicians.
- Psychosocial care, spiritual care and bereavement care for the patient and their loved ones.

The Alpine View Lodge maintains a hospice waiver and works with the hospice agency of your choice. It is our goal that our elders may age in place and close the circle of life peacefully surrounded and comforted by their family and supported by their friends at the Alpine View Lodge. It would be our honor to assist you with your hospice care needs for your special elder at the Lodge.