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Dear Family,

Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care is striving to make the last days and weeks of life as comfortable as possible for you and your loved one. The journey is not an easy one. The hospice is co-located in St. Francis Memorial Hospital, close to your family physician and other medical personnel, and encourages families to support and be with their loved one in a relaxed setting as much as they wish to be.

Madawaska Valley Hospice is a safe, private home-like space for family and friends to spend quality time with their loved ones. Family may move in or come and go as they need to. The family is supported 24 hours a day by a well-trained team consisting of MVHPC staff and volunteers, and professional nurses and personal support workers from St. Francis Memorial Hospital.

Trained volunteers are available to provide support for your family and help maintain a clean and safe environment for those using the facility. We ask that you treat Hospice as your home performing for yourself the activities of daily living.

Meals can be purchased from the hospital cafeteria for your loved one. If this is your wish, this would be the only cost to you while using the hospice. You can bring in your own food and prepare it in the kitchen. Often the resident will eat very little. You are the most knowledgeable about their likes and dislikes. You are welcome to bring in what you feel they may eat. Volunteers will assist in food preparation.

Please don't hesitate to ask staff or volunteers for assistance. We are here to ease the strain for you and your loved one.

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