

# Some Questions About Hospice

## What is Hospice Care?

Often people with life-limiting illnesses struggle with the decision to stop curative measures and to focus on comfort measures. However, when cure becomes improbable, hospice provides an alternative to curative medicine and offers a different type of healing, with hope redefined. Hospice is not a place but a philosophy of care intended to supplement caregiving provided by family members, loved ones or other designated caregivers in any setting – home, nursing home or other long-term facilities. Hospice care provides the following: professional medical services, pain management, emotional and spiritual support.

## Is all hospice care the same?

Different hospices have different levels of expertise, philosophies of care, and approaches to patient, family care and ongoing family support. It is the mission of Hospice of North Idaho to provide compassionate care with dignity and comfort to all who need our services, regardless of ability to pay. Our services are provided in a caring manner that ensures the wishes of the patient and family have top priority so that members of our community will live as fully as possible at the end of life. In addition, a team of highly trained bereavement counselors provide ongoing support to surviving family members and loved ones as long as it is needed. 9493 North Government Way, Hayden. 772-7994 or [www.honi.org](http://www.honi.org).

## Sandpoint TEEN Center Provides Activities, Help and a Place to Go

The Sandpoint TEEN Council First Christian Teen Center is open Mondays through Thursdays from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., providing homework help, games, yoga, arts/crafts and more. They also supply free after school snacks for sixth- through 12th-graders. Located at 201 N. Division, call Mike Couch, 263-2818 or Joan Avery, 263-3584.

The ACYC Teen Center is at Pines & Division with activities scheduled through the year. Marilyn Fargo, 263-2020.

First Baptist SEARCH at 1220 Michigan, provides free snacks and activities and is open Fridays from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days. Nate Warren, 263-3625.

Sandpoint TEEN Council facilitates positive opportunities by coordinating activities and resources for youth. Members represent faith-based groups, service organizations, schools, businesses, DHW/PSR providers, parents and volunteers. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 12-1 pm at the First Christian TEEN Center. The Council supports TEEN Centers, reducing underage drinking and substance abuse and suicide prevention. An average of 30 latch-key teens enjoy the food and activities at TEEN Centers daily. TEEN Council is needing qualified volunteers and funding for food & supplies. Contributions to Sandpoint TEEN Council, P.O. Box 609, Sandpoint, ID 83864 or contact Marilyn, 263-2020.

## The Christian Coalition Organization

The mission of the Christian Community Coalition is to organize a coalition of Christian church organizations into a strong, active social force in our community. The coalition is made up of over 60 church organizations focusing on transforming lives through some of the following areas: transitional housing, safe and sober housing, mentoring, life skills training, employment mentoring, community justice and public education.

The coalition offers opportunities to get informed, get resources, get connected, and get involved. For information on upcoming outreach projects, trainings, and meeting times, call 208-762-8939 or [christiancommunitycoalition@yahoo.com](mailto:christiancommunitycoalition@yahoo.com)

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