



2012 Volunteer Training Classes

HOSPICE comes from a medieval word for a way station, a place for pilgrims to be replenished and cared for. But today Hospice describes specially trained people and practices organized to care for terminally ill persons and their families in their homes. You can join the more than 300 volunteers who work with the seven Medicare Certified Hospice programs serving the Greater Sacramento Area and receive ongoing support and education. Volunteers, like good friends, respond to the needs of terminally ill patients and their families by providing respite care, companionship and support.

Initial training of 24 hours includes The History and Philosophy of Hospice Care, Concepts of Death and Dying, Communication Skills, Care and Comfort Measures, Psychosocial Issues, Spiritual and Cultural Issues in Hospice, Grief and Bereavement, and the Volunteer Role in Hospice. Course sections are taught by professional staff members from local hospice programs.

Training is offered on a regular basis throughout the year, and both weekday courses and evening/weekend options are available. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age to work in direct patient care. Courses include 24 hours of training and supplementary materials. Registration fee is \$40. **To register return the registration form with the \$40 registration fee to the Sacramento Hospice Consortium, 8334 Ferguson Avenue, Sacramento, California 95828. For current training schedules or additional information, please call (916) 388-6288 or visit www.sachospice.org.**

Volunteer Training classes will be offered seven times throughout 2012. They will be offered once in Auburn, once in Yolo County, once in Roseville, and four times in the Sacramento Area. Each course utilizes the same format and prepares participants for volunteer work with any of the member hospices.

Please note that registration closes one week prior to the start of each class .

Host Program: Sutter Auburn Faith VNA & Hospice
Coordinator: Joan Bissing
Location: Auburn
Thursdays & Fridays February 9, 10, 16 and 17 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Host Program: Kaiser Hospice
Coordinator: Nancy Brown
Location: Sacramento
Fridays March 2, 9, 16 and 23 9 AM to 4:00 PM

Host Program: UC Davis Hospice
Coordinator: Don Lewis
Location: Sacramento
Sat. April 21 9AM – 4PM
Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays April 23, 25, 26, 30 and May 2 & 3 6:00-9:00 PM

Host Program: Yolo Hospice
Location: Davis

July dates and times TBA