



## **The Role of the Arbor Hospice Spiritual Care Team**

Illness affects not only our bodies but also every part of our lives. When your body is affected by illness, your emotional and spiritual needs may also change. If your spiritual comfort, often called a sense of peace, is affected by illness, it may prevent you from reaching your comfort goals. Arbor Hospice chaplains are available to assist you in meeting your spiritual needs. We are trained in providing care to you and your family based on your own beliefs and values.

### **Services Provided by the Arbor Hospice Chaplain**

The Arbor Hospice chaplain is trained to provide many services to meet your spiritual needs. We can:

- Help you explore your spiritual needs
- Provide support to you and your family
- Provide or arrange for religious rituals or sacraments as requested by the patient/family
- At your request, contact local religious groups to assist in meeting your needs
- Assist in planning a memorial service/funeral
- Speak at a memorial service/funeral
- Assist local religious groups in meeting the needs of members who are receiving Arbor Hospice services
- Provide bereavement support after the loss of a loved one
- Provide other services, as requested by you or your loved ones, which are within the chaplain's area of training

Hospice chaplains come from many religious and ethnic traditions. It is not their purpose to change your religious beliefs or make you a part of a religious group. Their focus is simple -- to meet the spiritual needs of you and your loved ones. The goal of the Arbor Hospice chaplain is to provide you with an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of your life story, assist you in reaching spiritual comfort and find a sense of peace.

Please contact your Arbor Hospice team any time with questions or concerns you may have about the role of the Arbor Hospice spiritual care team or if you would like a member of the spiritual care team to visit you. We want to be responsive to your needs and concerns.