Our Commitment to the Bereaved

We are committed to helping bereaved individuals by providing opportunities to receive compassion and support throughout their grieving process. Our hope is that as they heal, they may move forward in their life, while remembering their loved one.

“You didn’t have a choice in suffering your loss, but you do have a choice in how it will affect your future.”  
- Maribeth Wilder Doerr
Helping Those Living with Loss

Compassion During Your Time of Need

The death of a parent, spouse, child, brother, sister or friend stimulates a range of emotions and reactions which may be very confusing and painful. In time, and with compassionate support, bereaved people can accept their loss and successfully reorganize their lives.

To assist the bereaved in understanding and coping with grief experiences, Mercy's Spiritual Care Department and Mercy Hospice offer bereavement resources. Often it is the people most in need of compassion who hesitate to seek or accept support. It is our hope that anyone who may benefit from these services will call.

Bereavement Support Group

This group is lead by a bereavement support professional. It provides an opportunity for grieving adults to share their grief experiences and receive support from others who have experienced a similar loss. Morning and evening groups are available.

Bereavement Education Series

This twelve-week series offers a semi-structured environment where the bereaved receive both support and information to assist them in exploring their grief journey. The classes are two hours in length and contain dialogue and reflective exercises. Preregistration is necessary.

Children and Teen Grief Support

We offer a grief group that provides a safe environment for children and teens to share their loss as they move though the healing process. Pre-registration is required as we work with equine assisted therapy programs.

Individual Counseling

Short-term individual grief counseling is available to anyone who has experienced a loss through death of a loved one. Call Mercy Hospice at 541-677-2384 or Mercy's Spiritual Care Department at 541-677-4810 to schedule an appointment.

Community Outreach

Mercy has speakers available for presentations to local schools, religious organizations, clubs and other groups. Topics include:

- Coping with grief and loss
- Coping with the holidays
- End-of-life decision making
- Care Giver Burnout & Compassion Fatigue
- Children and grief
- Near-death experiences
- Death affects us all
- Hospice and comfort care

Staff members are available to train community groups in responses to grief and loss. We are also available to help individuals and groups in time of crisis or tragedy.

All bereavement services are open to the public and free of charge.

For current schedules and locations, please call Mercy Hospice at 541-677-2384.

"Time heals, many people say. It may help to dull your pain. But the medicine of time, taken by itself, is not sure. Time is neutral. What helps is what you do with time." - Earl A. Grollman