

How prenatal hospice can help...

My Nest is Best offers a specialized prenatal program. It is designed for families with unborn infants who are expected to have a life-threatening or life-limiting condition or illness after birth.

It is heartbreaking when parents discover that their baby may be born with a serious or life-threatening medical condition. Parents who choose to continue with the pregnancy may find themselves alone with limited resources. The My Nest is Best Prenatal Hospice Program provides assistance to help families create a birth plan that addresses their family goals during the pregnancy and delivery, and the time following the baby's birth.

Whether at home or in the hospital, the My Nest is Best team is available to offer guidance and caring support to assist parents in both welcoming the baby, and if necessary, saying "good-bye."



For more information about My Nest is Best or to inquire about beginning services, please call Angela Hospice toll free at:

866.464.7810

Children may be referred to My Nest is Best with a phone call from doctors, discharge planners at hospitals, friends, clergy, social workers, parents, or any family member.

Weekend admissions will also be accommodated when necessary.



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no place like home

This is the philosophy behind My Nest is Best, Angela Hospice's pediatric program. When a child is diagnosed with an incurable illness, a family's life can be turned upside down. Angela Hospice's mission is to assist children and their families during this difficult time, providing healthcare, support, and allowing a sense of normalcy back into their lives.

WHAT DOES MY NEST IS BEST OFFER?

My Nest is Best is a family-centered program designed for children with progressive, life-limiting conditions. It focuses on enabling children to continue living at home, where they can be comforted by the people, pets, and surroundings that bring them security and joy.

This is possible with the help of the Angela Hospice team, working together with the family and doctor to control the child's pain and manage their symptoms, while keeping them alert to enjoy each day with their loved ones. The family is supported by pediatric hospice professionals including physicians, nurses, hospice aides, medical social workers, and therapists. Support from spiritual care counselors, trained volunteers, and other specialists are also available.

- 24-hour, on-call availability, including video chat, text messaging, and in-person visits as needed
- Home visits by team members, individualized to meet patient and family needs
- Medications, medical supplies, and equipment
- Emotional and spiritual support for patients, family, and others who are meaningful in the child's life
- Grief care and counseling services
- Angela Hospice's unique Care Center facility, available for respite care and symptom management

What makes My Nest Is Best special?

Angela Hospice developed My Nest is Best in 1994, specifically to care for children with a life-limiting illness. Over the years, Angela Hospice has served patients ranging in age from 1-day to 25-years old in our pediatric program.

The My Nest is Best team affirms life, celebrates the uniqueness of all, and considers it an honor to walk alongside families, empowering them to care for their child.

"I LOVE MY HOUSE.
I LOVE MY NEST.
IN ALL THE WORLD
MY NEST IS BEST!"

– from *The Best Nest*,
by P.D. Eastman

Must children give up their doctor?

No. My Nest is Best professionals can serve as an extension of the primary physician's hands, eyes, and ears. Under guidance of the child's physician, the child receives personalized, age-specific care. Many children continue to see their physician after they begin receiving Angela Hospice care at home.

