

Rapid City Regional Hospital's Hospice House

To Comfort Always...



*“Thank you for all you did to
preserve Mom’s quality of life.”*

**Since 1984, Hospice of the Hills has
cared for the terminally ill. This care
can take place in the person’s own
home, in the nursing home, in an
assisted living, or at the Hospice
House.**

How do I get to the Hospice House?

The address is 224 Elk Street, Rapid City.

Turn east from Fifth Street onto Elk Street or walk over from the Hospital via the sidewalk in the southeast corner of the Employee Parking Lot.



“Welcome to Rapid City Regional Hospital’s Hospice House”

Wireless Internet

Room for
families to gather

Televisions

Video Games

Video/DVD
Players



The Rooms



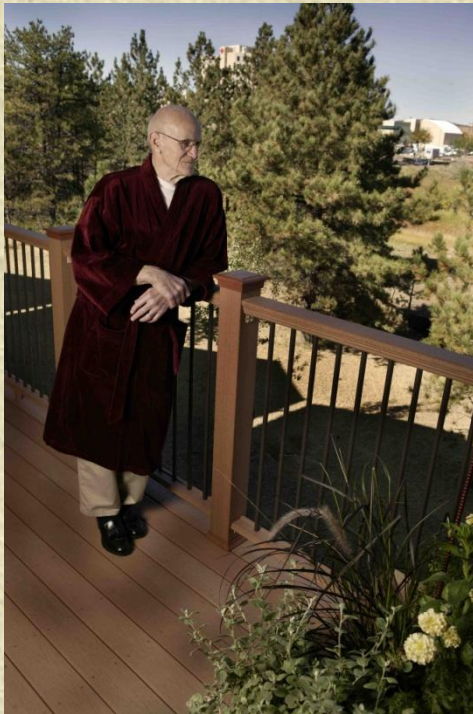
24' x 15' Private Rooms

Home-like setting

Pull-out single bed for guest



Decks and Patios



Each room has a deck
or a patio.

Secured and private.

Low windows for
beautiful views from
the pillow.



Great Room



Families share meals and celebrations here.

Piano and CD/DVD Players.

Children's area.



Dining Room and Kitchen



Meals selected by menu item and prepared by Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Soup, sandwich or snacks available at times other than mealtime.

Families may choose to use the family kitchen to prepare a meal.

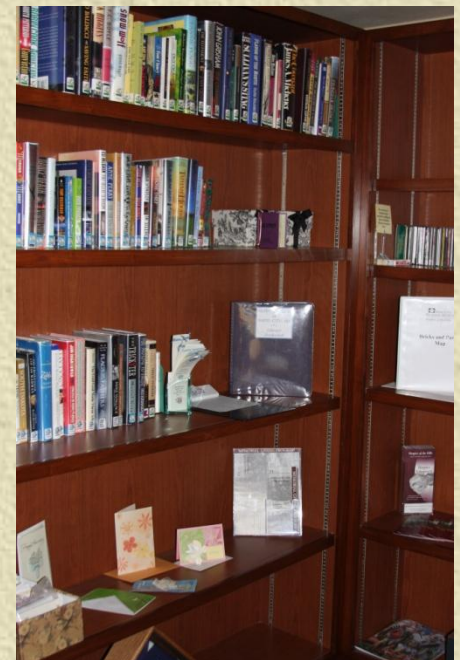
Family Room and Library



Shower and pull-out sofa for family if needed.

Library of books, CDs, and videos for adults and children.

Wii video game system for adults and children.



Spa Room



Side entry tub for jacuzzi-style bath.

Private Shower Room also available.

Secure lift system in ceiling for assistance with transfers.

Quiet Room



Private room for spiritual consultation, prayer and meditation.



Who is eligible for admission to the Hospice House?

Patients who meet other criteria for hospice and who are not able to be cared for at home or other care facility. The criteria for hospice care are:



- Terminally ill with a prognosis of six months or less. *Would I be surprised if this patient died in the next six months?*
- No longer seeking aggressive care to treat the disease.
Does this patient wish to try a curative treatment?
Does this patient wish to be placed on life-sustaining treatment?

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Admissions to the Hospice House are based on acuity and need. Admission must be approved by both:

- Hospice Supervisor
- Hospice Medical Directors
Dr. Priscilla Bade, Dr. Jamie Schaeffer or Dr. Al Wessel, Jr.



Benefits for the Patient



- **Skilled pain and symptom control by physician, pharmacist, nurse and aide.**
 - **Support for patient from chaplains, social workers, and volunteers.**
 - **Grief counseling for patient and family before and after the death.**
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- **Rooms close to nature with decks or patios just steps from the bed.**
 - **Spa room, shower room, ceiling lifts and Spectralink call system.**



Benefits for Family



- **Family is unit of care and receives support and education from nursing, social work, chaplain, volunteers and grief counselor.**
 - **Wireless Internet.**
 - **Kitchen for family meals.**
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- **Video, books, Wii, PSP, and children's area.**
 - **Family room can be reserved for overnight stays. Sofa bed in room.**



Types of Care

General Inpatient Care

For those who would otherwise qualify for hospital care due to frequent changes in medication or care plan.

Patients can stay on this level of care until their symptoms stabilize. At that time the patient may return home or transition to residential care.

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Residential Care



For those who wish to live at the Hospice House and receive custodial care—similar to the round-the-clock care of a nursing home or group home.

There is a daily room and board charge for this level of care.

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Respite Care

For those who are living at home, but need to come into the Hospice House for a 5-Day Respite stay to relieve their caregivers.



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“Almost more importantly than the care you gave my father, was the care you showed to me and family... I don't know how you do what you do, but I thank God that you are there to do it.”