

Life

This Beautiful Journey

A photograph of a woman lying on her back in a grassy field, holding a sleeping baby on her chest. The woman's eyes are closed, and she has a peaceful expression. The baby is also sleeping, with its head resting on the woman's chest. The background is a soft-focus green landscape with trees. The overall mood is serene and comforting.

Family

Comfort

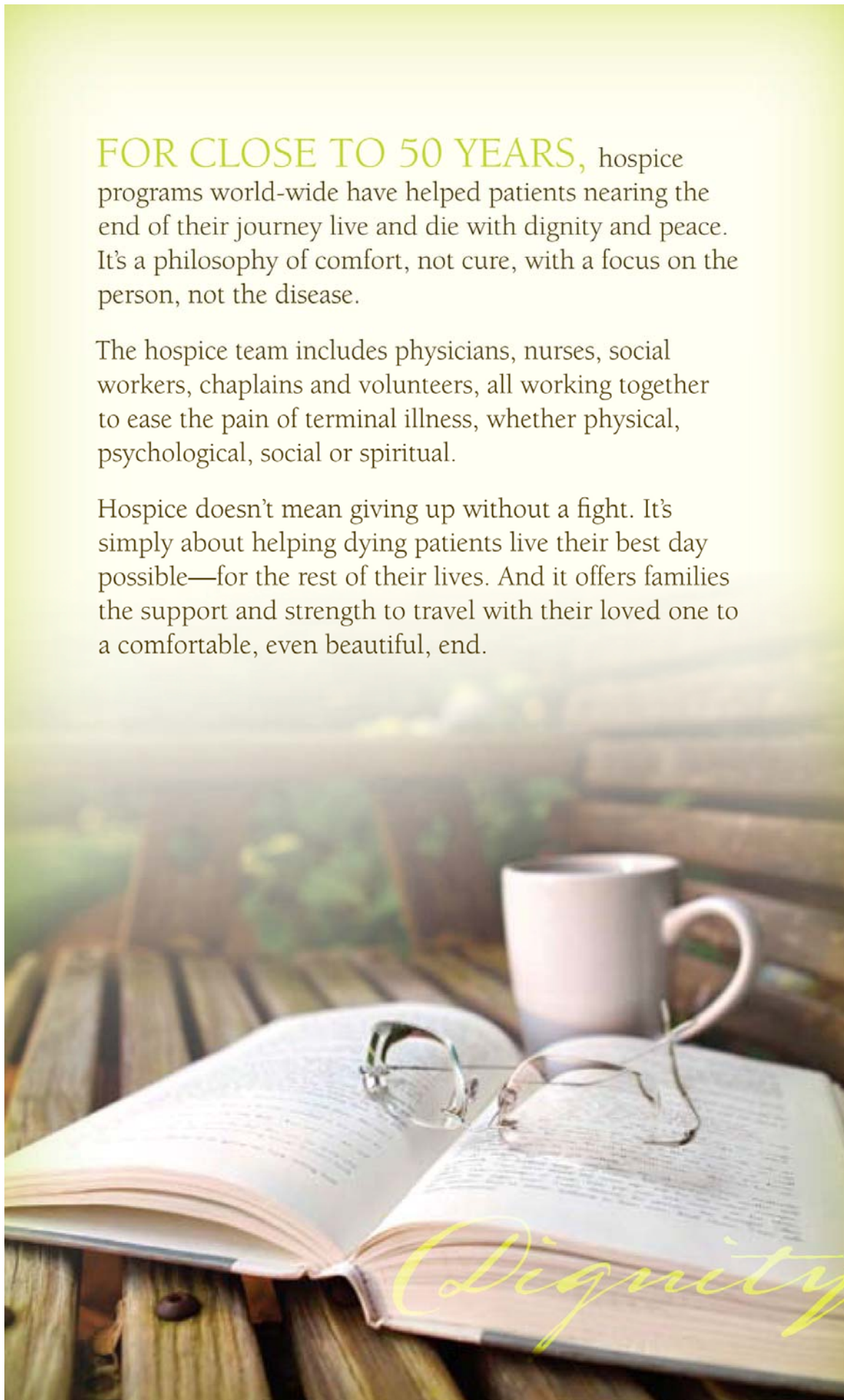
FOR THE INFANT lying in her mother's arms, the journey of life starts with enveloping compassion, comfort and love. So isn't that also the way it should end?

With hospice, it can.

FOR CLOSE TO 50 YEARS, hospice programs world-wide have helped patients nearing the end of their journey live and die with dignity and peace. It's a philosophy of comfort, not cure, with a focus on the person, not the disease.

The hospice team includes physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains and volunteers, all working together to ease the pain of terminal illness, whether physical, psychological, social or spiritual.

Hospice doesn't mean giving up without a fight. It's simply about helping dying patients live their best day possible—for the rest of their lives. And it offers families the support and strength to travel with their loved one to a comfortable, even beautiful, end.



HERE IN CENTRAL WASHINGTON, dedicated providers bring hospice services to hundreds of patients and family members every year. That care is usually offered—as it should be—in the familiar and comforting surroundings of home. But sometimes home care just isn't possible.

Hospice professionals, community leaders and families see an urgent need to create a home-away-from-home for terminally ill patients who are unable to be cared for at home, or whose family caregivers need occasional respite.

Our community is answering that call by building Cottage in the Meadow—a 20-bed home for hospice care that will be the first and only in Yakima and Kittitas counties.



WHEN TIME IS SHORT, it's the simple things that mean so much. Peace. Privacy. Family. Home. Cottage in the Meadow will be a haven for patients and loved ones—for those who matter most, when it matters most.

In spacious private rooms, loved ones will gather. Children will play. Memories will be shared, and gentle care provided. On secluded patios, patients will hear the sounds of water, feel the breeze on their faces and warm their feet in the sun.

Cottage in the Meadow will be a place to experience life, and prepare for what's next.

Home
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Peace



COTTAGE IN THE MEADOW is for all of us, and your support will help make Central Washington a better place to end life's beautiful journey.

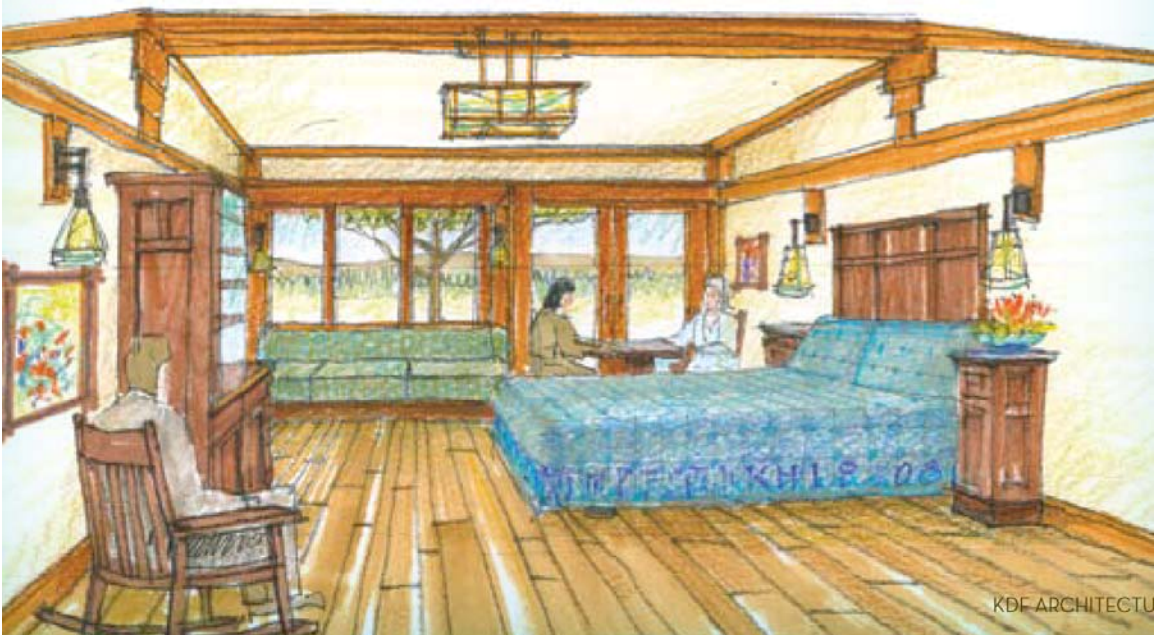
It's an opportunity as a community to gather around our loved ones in a collective embrace, offering the gift of comfort, dignity and peace.

Cottage IN THE *Meadow*

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Extending the gift of hospice to our community

Art and Joanne Hall are extremely grateful for the life-enhancing services Art's mother, Florence, received through hospice in her final days. The hospice staff was able to bring her out of isolation, which not only improved her outlook and her health, it actually prolonged her life. For her remaining days, she did the things she enjoyed, surrounded by those she loved.

In honor of Florence and her husband, George, the Hall family has donated \$1 million to the Cottage project through the Fairweather Foundation. They are challenging the community to match their gift by December 31, 2010. Every donation of \$1,000 or more made through the end of the year will be matched, dollar for dollar by the Fairweather Foundation --up to \$1 million dollars.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to have your gift go twice as far in helping us build Cottage in the Meadow.

