

CAPITAL CARING HEALTH TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Capital Caring Health's new transportation program will fill a critical need in our community by becoming one of only a handful of the 5,000 hospice providers nationwide offering this service.

Background: An on-going tragedy nationwide including in the DMV is that far too many terminally ill hospice qualified patients die alone in the hospital every day because contracted ambulance services to transport them back home for hospice care are often unreliable and may take 24 to 72 hours or more to pick them up. Thus, beginning in 2024, Capital Caring Health will provide our own non-emergency transportation.

Van Drivers and Schedule: Each Van will be operating two eight hour shifts every day. We are working with local Veterans organizations to promote the positions for drivers and identify eligible candidates. Each driver goes through an extensive training program to understand the unique needs of our patients and families.

Van Customization: * 2023 Chevy Vans * Raised Roof * Powered Gurney Loading System * Ambulance Quality Gurney * Storage Bracket for Wheelchair * Two O2 Oxygen Cylinders that Provide Five Hours of Oxygen * Ambulance Quality First Aid Items

The Major Benefits for Patients and Families:

- To facilitate transfers home and to our inpatient centers as individuals are ready for discharge without being on long waiting lists from other transport companies.
- We estimate transporting 2 to 3,000 patients a year—many of whom otherwise may not make it home.
- When schedules permit, we may be able to provide transport for other local home health organizations.

Donations Are Gratefully Accepted: Annual estimated operating costs are \$750,000. There are Naming Rights Opportunities at this level and above, but any donation will go far to help us keep this critical care program active in 2024 and beyond.