

Legacy Program

Sharing a lifetime of memories for generations to come

What is the HPH Hospice Legacy Program?

It's been described as a timeless treasure for generations to come. The Legacy Program is comprised of HPH Hospice (HPH) patients who choose to share their life story, special memories or words of wisdom for family and friends on video. Taping is done by a trained HPH volunteer wherever the patient resides, and a copy of the video is then made for the patient to share with others. Legacy videos are unedited to retain their authenticity.

The Legacy Program is an important component of HPH's work in helping patients, their families and friends come to terms with end-of-life issues and every video is unique. Some patients feel comfortable talking without much prompting about their life, while others prefer to have a Legacy Program volunteer ask prepared questions. Most individuals like a combination of both.

How did the program begin? How is it funded?

The seeds for the Legacy Program were planted in 2003 by a small group of HPH staff and volunteers in Dade City who realized that photographs of loved ones were not enough for those left behind. The voice brings life and meaning to pictures. It's also a wonderful gift for future generations. The program was introduced agency wide in 2005. HPH is deeply grateful to the Rotary Club of New Port Richey for its annual contribution to the Legacy Program. Businesses, individuals and other organizations also contribute. These gifts enable HPH to purchase video equipment, buy DVDs and make copies of legacy videos.

How does one request a Legacy video?

HPH patients can speak with their social worker or another member of their care team and express an interest in having a legacy video made. The volunteer department will then proceed with the patient to make this possible.

How long does the interview take?

Interviews are usually scheduled for two hours. If it's better for the patient, the video can be done in segments.

Is there a charge to participate in the Legacy Program?

No, this is a service of HPH's volunteer program made possible primarily through donations.

How can I volunteer?

If you are least 18 years old and are skilled at operating basic video equipment or are a good listener and conversationalist, you may find that the Legacy Program is a great match. HPH Legacy Program volunteers must successfully complete an application, informal interview and 16-hour orientation. Legacy Program volunteers will then receive a few hours of additional training.



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For information on all of our not-for-profit agency's volunteer opportunities, please visit our website and contact the HPH team office closest to you. New volunteer orientations are held frequently. You can also contact our Volunteer Program Manager in the Hudson administrative office at (800) 486-8784.