

The mission of Essential Care Perinatal program is to provide support, education and guidance to expectant parents and families whose unborn child has a life-threatening illness.



- Our program is administered by The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care and supported by local foundations, fundraising efforts, memorials and private donations.
- Please send contributions to: Hospice Foundation of WNY, PO Box 590, Buffalo, NY 14240-0590

# Helping Families Honor Lives



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Helping families with seriously ill babies before birth



## PALLIATIVE CARE BUFFALO

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## Our Program

The Essential Care Perinatal Program is offered to expectant parents whose baby is diagnosed with a life-threatening condition before birth. Our perinatal program helps the expectant parents and families prepare for and cope with physical, emotional and spiritual issues through support and education at the time of diagnosis through the remainder of the pregnancy.



### Perinatal Services:

- Assist expectant parents in identifying resources to help their family cope during the pregnancy and after the birth of the baby
- Help expectant parents plan for their baby's birth
- Help to address the emotional needs and concerns of other children in the family
- Provide guidance and encouragement in finding hope and comfort amidst the family's anguish and grief
- Assist expectant parents in finding the right ways to tell people about their baby
- Support the needs of the parents and family while in the hospital setting
- Assist expectant parents with communicating their wishes for personal and medical care during their baby's birth to the mother's doctor and Labor/Delivery staff
- Assist in creating ways to celebrate and "welcome the baby" in the hospital or at home
- Assist in creating special keepsakes and treasures prior to and after baby's birth (for example: a memory box, handprints of baby and family members, photographs, lock of hair, etc.)
- Provide family with community resources available to them (for example, support groups, websites and written materials)
- Help in planning final arrangements, memorial services and precious good-byes at the hospital or at home - wherever you need us
- Provide bereavement support to parents and family members

### To Make a Referral Call (716) 686-8006

Referrals are accepted from a parent, physician or anyone. The mother's primary physician or specialist will be contacted upon referral.

In most cases, our services are covered by major health insurance plans.