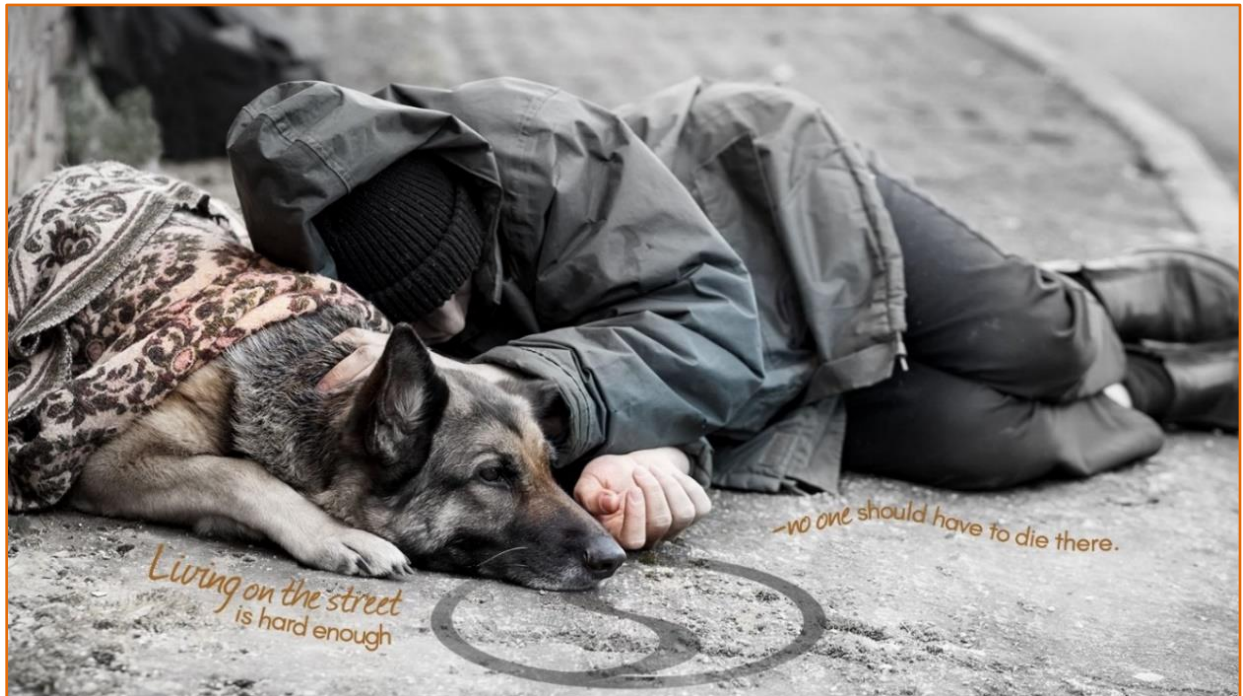




SOLACE FRIENDS

Who We Are



Solace Friends, Inc., (Solace) is a nonprofit organization working to bridge the existing gaps in end-of-life care services for terminally ill people in Dane County.

Our Mission

is to provide a place of compassionate, safe, comfortable presence, and caregiving to our community's most vulnerable people as they face the end of their lives.

- Too many of our community's most vulnerable citizens suffer needlessly as they die. They include those who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, extreme poverty, mental and emotional health issues, substance abuse disorders, social isolation, and neglect.
- Solace will not only ensure that basic human needs such as shelter, food, hydration, and hygiene are met, the people we serve will receive comprehensive person-centered care that nurtures bodily comfort, emotional, social, and spiritual wholeness, and individual dignity at the end of life.

Our Goal

is to create and maintain a community supported Social Model Hospice Home where underserved individuals receive secure housing and personal support otherwise unavailable to them.

Community, Comfort, & Care at Life's End

Community Impact

- Solace enhances the quality of life for people at high risk of being alone and unsupported at the end of life.
- Solace reduces burdens and barriers that hospice and other support professionals face while trying to serve these individuals, thereby benefiting both care recipients and care providers.
- Solace enriches the overall community by making our county more responsive and inclusive to people who are currently falling through the cracks.



Community Connections

Solace is rooted in the community and relies on strong working relationships with area hospices, homeless service agencies, housing organizations, and faith communities. In March 2021, Solace established a formal agreement with Housing Initiatives, Inc., a much-respected Madison organization whose mission is to end homelessness for those suffering from mental illness. The proposed plan is that once Solace raises sufficient start-up funds (see How You Can Help) to cover rent and maintenance expenses for the first two years of operations, Housing Initiatives will purchase and then rent to Solace, a residential dwelling for use as a hospice home. Solace hopes to eventually purchase this property from Housing Initiatives. Addition collaboration with organizations such as those below (but not limited to):

- Agrace
- The Beacon/Catholic Charities
- Dane County Housing Authority
- Dane County Homeless Services Consortium
- First Congregational Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Friends of the State Street Family
- Heartland Hospice
- JustDane
- Madison Habitat for Humanity
- Porchlight
- Omega Home Network
- Madison Area Care for the Homeless (MACH) One Health
- SSM Health at Home

Our Board of Directors

Our dedicated board members include a palliative care physician, ICU nurse practitioner, hospice volunteer, educators, disability advocates, former attorney, nonprofit administrators, housing expert, and bank manager.

- Ann Catlett, MD (Pres.)
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- Kathy Kamp (Sec.)
- Ed Hughes (Treas.)
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- Eric Knudson
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- Andrew O'Donnell, DNP