

# HOSPICE WEEK 2026



## PLEASE JOIN US IN COMMEMORATING HOSPICE WEEK 2026

Everyone deserves care, dignity  
and presence at every stage of  
life

### WHAT IS HOSPICE CARE

Hospice is a global movement that advocates for the belief that every individual facing a life-threatening condition deserves both quality of life and dignity as they approach death.

It is not about giving up - it is about living with dignity, comfort and meaning in the caring presence of other humans.



### WHY ACCESS TO QUALITY PALLIATIVE CARE IS STILL UNEQUAL

- Palliative care is not consistently funded across medical aids.
- Services are not fully integrated into public healthcare systems.
- Patients are often referred too late to benefit fully.
- Capacity and access vary significantly across regions.



### WHY HOSPICE MATTERS

Serious illness affects more than just the body. It touches identity, relationships and the meaning of being human!

Hospice care creates space for care that is compassionate, relational and deeply human.



### Resources

- Association of Palliative Care Centres (APCC): <https://apcc.org.za/>
- South African Government <https://www.gov.za/news/events/health-awareness-events/hospice-week>