

When you or someone you know decided to become a parent, did you consider the chances of your child being born with a life-limiting condition?

The mother, father, sibling, or guardian of a child with a life-limiting condition is thrown into a world that they may never have imagined. When your child is receiving care in the hospital environment, it means being surrounded by other children and families who may not be in the same circumstance.

When families transition their child to in-home care, it means learning how to perform the child's medical and daily cares. These cares – coupled with emotions and grief, time away from work or quitting a job to provide full-time care, and the reality of simply trying to keep a family intact – are a life changing circumstance that should not be taken lightly.

Children's Lighthouse of Minnesota intends to support these children and families by offering a unique suite of programs and services designed specifically and exclusively for them.



Visit our website at
ChildrensLighthouseMN.org
to learn more about:

- ★ What it's like to be a parent, sibling, family member or friend of a child with a life-limiting condition
 - ★ Palliative care and how you can get involved
- ★ Donating to, or volunteering for this important cause
- ★ Fundraising events, current news and updates on our goal of opening a children's hospice
 - ★ Joining our mailing list – get progress updates sent directly to you!



A Beacon of Hope, Light and Peace



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"It all started as a dream to offer children with life-limiting conditions a place in Minnesota for child and family-focused respite, transitional and end-of-life care."



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What is Pediatric Palliative Care?

Pediatric palliative care aims to enhance the quality of life of children and young people with life-limiting conditions. It focuses on managing pain and symptoms, offering emotional and spiritual support, providing respite care and supporting families through bereavement.

Did you know...

- ★ Accessing palliative care support can be difficult for children with life-limiting conditions, which can result in unnecessary pain and suffering and excruciating strains on families and communities.
- ★ There are currently over 40 children's hospice homes in the United Kingdom, several in Canada, two in Australia and others around the world.
- ★ In metro areas around the United States, there are over 4,700 hospice homes for adults, but only a handful that are being built and designed just for children and their unique needs.
- ★ Given the data available, there are over 2,000 children with a potential life-limiting condition in Minnesota that could benefit from respite care and associated services to their family.
- ★ 700 children under the age of 18 die each year in Minnesota, and at least a quarter of those children could potentially benefit from a children's hospice home.



Our Vision.

Children's Lighthouse of Minnesota will offer an optimal healing environment with skilled professionals providing transitional, palliative and end-of-life care to children; including pain and symptom management, massage, play, music, pet and art therapies. We will be dedicated to not only caring for children and young people, but providing a foundation of support and appropriate services to their families. This will include on-site accommodations so that the family may remain close, and still receive physical and emotional respite.



Our Mission.

To build a hospice home in which to offer respite and end-of-life care to children with life-limiting conditions and their families.

Our Goals.

Children's Lighthouse of Minnesota is in the midst of building the foundation dedicated to this cause and we look forward to providing services to families in our community soon. We give thanks to the many individuals, organizations and hospitals in our community that have already graciously offered their support and expertise in a variety of ways.

Please join us in supporting families in our community. Visit our website today to learn more at ChildrensLighthouseMN.org.