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Mountain Valley Provides Hospice Care to Children

(Dobson, NC)

According to the National Library of Medicine, in the United States more than 45,000 infants, children, and adolescents die with end-of-life and palliative care services -- with another 18,500 deaths among young adults aged 20 to 24.

Mountain Valley, a local hospice and palliative care organization, is known for offering compassionate hospice care to adults, but that care also extends to children.

Children live with and die from a wide array of often rare diseases and may be referred to hospice when diagnosed with cancer, genetic disorders, neurodegenerative conditions, cardiopulmonary disorders, and metabolic disorders. Pediatric patients with serious, self-limiting illnesses are acknowledged to have many challenges that distinguish them from adult patients and require specialized care. The trajectory of their illness experiences can be either much shorter or far longer than that of adult patients.

Mountain Valley's program, "Love's PEAK (Providing Empathy and Assurance for Kids)," is dedicated to pediatric hospice and palliative care. And, the program also provides grief support through an annual grief camp for children who could benefit from grief counseling after the loss of a family member or loved one.

"When we learn of a child with a serious illness, our hearts break right along with the child's family and community, said Tracey Dobson, President and CEO of Mountain Valley. "It is in these difficult times when we bring comprehensive care and support with our specially trained team. There is deep sadness but also hope and beauty found in caring for children, and we honor that sacred place. In everything we do at Mountain Valley and particularly when it comes to children, we are servants to the patient and also the family and surrounding community."

Mountain Valley's multidisciplinary pediatric team is dedicated to, and experienced in, addressing the many unique developmental, socioeconomic, and clinical aspects that are associated with life-limiting conditions in childhood. Having such a team in the Love's PEAK program allows medically-fragile children to be cared for at home in a safe and familiar environment surrounded by their family and caregivers.



Mountain Valley is a nonprofit organization where no patient is turned away due to lack of insurance or an inability to pay for services.

For more information contact Stephanie Tilley at 1-888-789-2922 or visit www.mtnvalleyhospice.org.



Mountain Valley is a nonprofit organization providing high quality end-of-life care in 18 counties in North Carolina and Virginia. Through its team of hospice professionals and specially trained volunteers, Mountain Valley addresses the growing need for compassionate hospice care. Mountain Valley also owns and operates two hospice inpatient facilities: The Joan & Howard Woltz Hospice Home in Dobson, NC, and the SECU Hospice Care Center in Yadkinville, NC. Both offer a homelike setting for patients and families alike. The goal for both facilities is to help families be as comfortable as possible as they stay close by their loved one during this time when families are needed most. For more information, visit www.mtnvalleyhospice.org.