



Dear Friends,

I have been blessed to be involved with end-of-life care for more than three decades, including founding Francis House twenty-five years ago. My colleagues and I believe it is a privilege to share the knowledge and experience with others who care for those living their last months, as well as those who have homes or are interested in starting a home for those at end-of-life. This is an exciting time for us to be involved in the ministry of caring for those who are terminally ill. There is certainly increased interest in developing resources, programs, protocols and homes for quality end-of-life care.

This website is directed toward quality physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual care for those who are dying and the homes in which this care is given. Hopefully, you will find ideas and aids on this site to assist you. We have mentored other homes and groups interested in starting homes, shared materials, spoken at fund-raisers, published, lectured, and are sharing the fruits of those activities on this website.

We are also part of a national network of homes for end-of-life care, all of which are focused on providing quality care in private homes supported by the wider community in which they are located. Each home is a not-for-profit unincorporated or a 501(c)(3) that is supported by donations. *Home* and *family* are pivotal words used in their written materials and philosophy.

If you see something of interest and would like more information, I would be happy to welcome you to more details on this site with a registration by phone and email.

May you continue to be guided in your efforts to care for those who want to live life to its very end with dignity and grace surrounded by a compassionate extended family.

Peace and all good to you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Osbelt".

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