

BROADCAST-Hospice volunteer brings music and comfort at end of life

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An OSF HealthCare hospice volunteer in Bloomington is using music — and compassion — to bring comfort to patients at the end of life.

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When Darla Glover walks into a hospice room, she never knows exactly what she'll be asked to give.

Sometimes it's a song. Sometimes it's silence. Often, it's simply sitting beside someone, so they don't feel alone.

A classically trained opera singer, Glover began volunteering with hospice after seeing firsthand how powerful music can be in life's final moments. Now, she sings, reads aloud, or gently holds a patient's hand — responding to whatever they need that day.

She says the work doesn't leave her feeling sad. Instead, it gives her something much deeper.

SOT – Darla Glover (:11)

"This work I'm doing; this is what gives me purpose and meaning to my life. I really believe the foundation is love. As Jesus said, 'Love one another.'"

Hospice volunteers at OSF HealthCare complete specialized training and also support caregivers, giving families time to rest or run errands while knowing their loved one isn't alone.

Glover believes the qualities some people see as weaknesses can actually make them perfect for this kind of work.

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"You might say 'I'm too emotional,' or 'I'm too sensitive.' Well, actually that's an advantage because I am. I now look at that as a very good trait whereas in the past I used to think it was not. But it is and so just try it."

Glover says being present during someone's final chapter has changed the way she sees death — not as something dark, but as a meaningful transition.

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OSF HealthCare is currently looking for more hospice volunteers in the Bloomington area, particularly veterans.

(website link for more information for website story). [Hospice Become a Volunteer | OSF HealthCare](#)