

## **The power of listening**

*When helping someone with a terminal illness, sometimes just listening is the best medicine*

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**ANCHOR LEDE:** It's a gut punch to get a terminal illness diagnosis. But there are ways to support those folks. Tim Ditman of OSF HealthCare has more.

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Rita Manning is a bereavement coordinator at OSF. She suggests to simply listen. Don't try to rush the conversation. You can also try tangible tasks like helping the person with yard work or groceries.

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**Rita Manning, OSF HealthCare bereavement coordinator**

**"We just want to honor your wishes. If you could help us understand what those are, that would help us to know how to move forward." (:12)**

I'm Tim Ditman.

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**ANCHOR TAG:** There are special considerations when talking about death with kids. Visit the OSF Newsroom for more.