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A special one-hour PBS documentary film that will step into the daily lives of those who care for our loved ones as they transition from the life they have lived.

The word “hospice” derives from the Latin word hospes, which means both “guest” and “host.” Since the 11th century, the concept of hospice was adopted by the Roman Catholic tradition to refer to a place of hospitality for the sick and dying as well as for travelers and pilgrims. The first of such hospices are believed to have been established during the Crusades.

The modern usage of hospice as a place for and philosophy of end-of-life care began with the work of a British physician named Dame Cicely Saunders. Dr. Saunders began work with terminally ill patients in the London area in 1948 as a nurse and earned her medical degree in 1957. In 1963, during a talk at Yale

University in the US, Dr. Saunders introduced the idea of specialized care for the dying, which centered on palliative care rather than treatments to cure.

Emmy Award winning Director and Producer Keith Famie and the team from Visionalist Entertainment Productions will take the audience on an in-depth look at how hospice has historically changed the way we approach caring for those who are dying in today's society. How does hospice differ from palliative care or does it? How does the Right to die laws enacted in many states impact the desire for a patient to have hospice care? What is the standard time frame someone would have hospice care? How does this affect the families of loved ones?

These are just a few of the subjects we will address as we step into the lives of those who help care for loved ones who are transitioning on from the life they have lived.