OUR MISSION
As people of Providence, we reveal God’s love for all, especially the poor and vulnerable, through our compassionate service.

OUR CORE VALUES
Respect, Compassion, Justice, Excellence, Stewardship

Providence Connections
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Help for you and your family
Providence Connections is a non-medical program created to improve the quality of life for individuals and their families who are coping with a serious, life-limiting illness. It offers customized service that addresses the needs and goals of each client. Connections brings together professional care management, social work and specially trained volunteers to provide information, support, practical assistance and education as clients and families go through the various stages that illness and treatment can bring.

Adapting to the changes that accompany a life-limiting illness can seem frightening, confusing and overwhelming. Providence Connections can help you understand, prepare for and adjust to these changes.

How it works
If you are referred to Connections, our coordinator will meet with you, your caregiver and, if appropriate, your family. The coordinator will assess your needs, answer your questions and help you clarify your goals for the future. Depending on your situation, the coordinator may assign a volunteer who will provide ongoing support.

The Connections team can:
• Help you get and understand information about your illness and the challenges it may present
• Put you in touch with community resources that can help you with financial concerns, emotional needs and practical support
• Talk with you about advance health care planning and assist you with forms, if needed
• Work with you to create a care plan that will address your changing health care needs

The Connections volunteer will:
• Offer support and companionship
• Help with chores and meal preparation
• Offer respite breaks for family or caregivers

Who is eligible?
Anyone diagnosed with a serious, life-limiting condition, which may include a life expectancy of one year, is eligible for Connections. The service is offered in your home or wherever you live. You may continue to receive active treatment or symptom management for your condition while receiving Connections support.

How much does it cost?
Services provided through this program are offered free of charge. Connections is made possible through generous donations to the Providence Alaska Foundation. Care and service are offered by trained volunteers who extend the work of the coordinator.

Who can refer?
Anyone can make a referral to Connections. The client may self-refer or may be referred by his or her doctor, social worker, caregiver, family member or friends. If you are referred, our coordinator will verify with your doctor that Connections is the right choice for you. A phone call to the Connections coordinator is all it takes to get started.

Doctors are encouraged to refer patients they believe will benefit from this program.

To make a referral or to get more information, please call 907-212-4414.