“Our Alive Hospice physician looked at me and said, ‘Caroline still has joy in her life.’ I quickly learned that part of what our hospice team would do for us was to share in that joy, to relish all the good days and moments with us. Where many people looking at our lives saw only hurt and loss, our Alive Hospice team recognized that joy truly co-existed with sadness in all the corners of Caroline’s life. There was much to be cherished about those final months.”

— Alison Kirk, served by the Monarchs Program at Alive Hospice

WE PROMISE TO

• Serve with compassion and understanding
• Listen to you and your child/adolescent
• Respect your child’s and family’s wishes and beliefs
• Walk the journey with you
• Recognize your family as a unit of care
• Work in collaboration with your existing health care team

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Lean on us when heartbreak and healing go hand in hand.
Butterflies signify hope, the beauty of life and the celebration of those we love.

Named for the beautiful monarch butterfly, Alive Monarchs caregivers help families find strength when their children face serious and life-threatening illnesses. This program is one of the few hospice care providers for perinatal and pediatric patients in the nation and the only dedicated team in Middle Tennessee.

“Every day, we help patients and families bear what may seem unbearable, to work toward relief of as much physical, emotional and spiritual distress as possible, and to live during this precious and important time with as much meaning as possible.”
— Dr. John Shuster, Chief Medical Officer, Alive Hospice

**HOSPICE CARE**

The Monarchs Team, along with your child’s existing health care providers, develops a plan of care specific to the needs of your child. This individualized plan of care includes pain and symptom management, and addresses the social and spiritual concerns of your family. By utilizing this comprehensive method of care we enable children to do the things they love for as long as they are able. Hospice care is available either in your home or at one of our inpatient facilities. The complete range of services includes:

- Medical care
- Nursing care
- Personal care
- Social services
- Spiritual care
- Volunteer services
- Medical equipment
- Pharmacy delivery services
- Bereavement care

**PERINATAL CARE**

The Monarchs Team offers compassionate support to parents who have learned during pregnancy that their baby has a life-limiting condition. Beginning at the time of diagnosis, a member of the team works with the parents to create a birth plan and then communicates that plan to the hospital staff prior to the birth. If the baby is able to go home, perinatal care also provides a seamless transition to hospice care.

**FINANCIAL COVERAGE**

Alive Hospice is a not-for-profit organization that provides services regardless of an individual’s ability to pay. Hospice care services are covered by most private and public health insurance plans, including Medicaid.

**ALIVE MONARCHS TEAM**

Our team includes a physician, nurse, spiritual counselor, social worker, hospice aide and volunteers. The team works in collaboration with your family and established health care providers.