

***Adding Value to the Life of
Terminally Ill Patients Through
Legacy Projects***

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The slide features decorative floral illustrations in the corners. In the top right, there is a large, detailed drawing of a flower with many petals and several leaves. In the bottom left, there is a cluster of flowers, including a large rose and a smaller five-petaled flower. In the top left, there is a small sprig with three leaves. In the bottom right, there is another sprig with several leaves.

Thesis Statement

Rather than giving up, the terminal patient can be helped to continue living until they die, experiencing a time of personal growth for all involved through the creation of legacy projects.

What Is Your Legacy?

- ◆ We all have a story
- ◆ Our story should be told
- ◆ How can our story be told?



Why A Legacy Project

Death is never easy to talk about

- ◆ Opportunity to communicate wishes
- ◆ Reflect on memories
- ◆ Empowerment to share gifts of wisdom, faith, and love

Easier processing of grief

- ◆ Young children's lack of familiarity/discomfort with funeral rituals
- ◆ Internal parental conflict regarding death rituals
- ◆ Avoids misinformation/miscommunication



Letter Writing

- ◆ Compose on computer first
- ◆ Conflict resolution/ forgiveness
- ◆ Favorite stationery

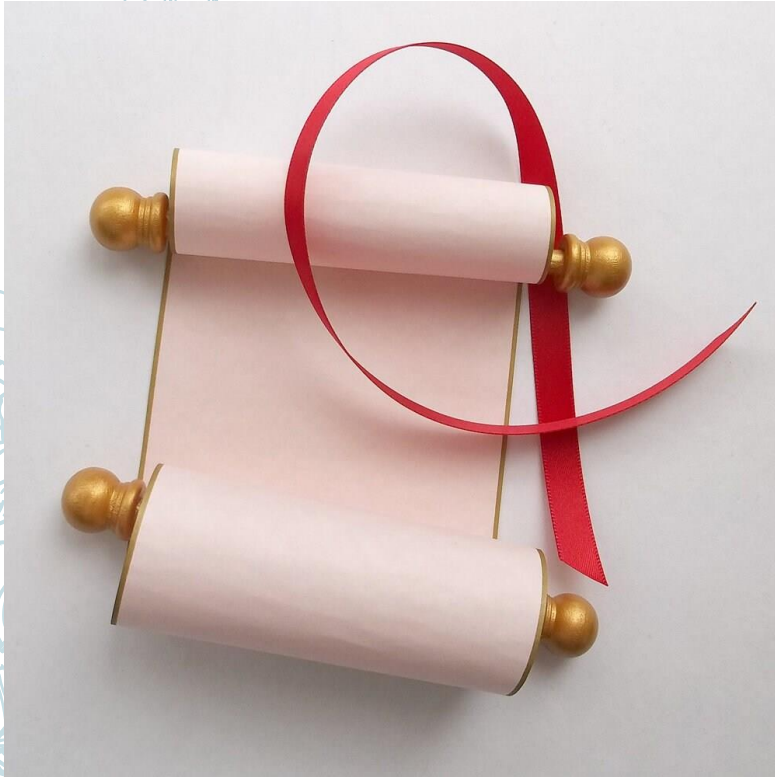


Keepsake Box

- ◆ Photos
- ◆ Ticket stubs
- ◆ Postcards



Legacy Scroll



- ◆ Brief words of wisdom
- ◆ Encouraging
- ◆ Inspirational
- ◆ Motivational

Journaling



- ◆ Important stories
- ◆ Life lessons
- ◆ Humorous
- ◆ Drawn pictures
- ◆ Favorite scriptures

Pillow



- ◆ Custom made (search photos)
- ◆ Personalize with a message or a familiar quote
- ◆ Especially beneficial for younger children

Needlepoint Art



- ◆ Personal message or a quote
- ◆ Scripture
- ◆ Can be passed down from generation to generation



Audio/Video Recordings

- ◆ Write it out first & practice
- ◆ Five minutes or less
- ◆ Personalize
- ◆ Encouragement / Sage Wisdom
- ◆ Dad Jokes

Hand Castings



- ◆ Made in partnership with loved one
- ◆ Unique to giver/recipient

Memorial Will



- ◆ Conveys wishes regarding familial situations
- ◆ Eliminates minor asset disputes
- ◆ Imparts words of wisdom and encouragement



*Through thoughtful guidance and creative media,
Legacy Projects*

Identify and assign value to one's life

Reduce emotional discomfort

Provide means of communication

Enable personal growth

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