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When a family is bereaved, a Comfort Cart is a tangible way to provide and express our support. For benefit of a resident's loved ones, a period of visitation is supported following a resident's death through this cart.

Procedure

1. Nursing Station notifies Food Services that death of resident has occurred and requests Comfort Cart.
2. Supplies kept in kitchen area.
3. Food Services prepares the comfort cart according to guidelines:
 - a. Cart in dining room;
 - b. Coffee/tea bags/hot chocolate;
 - c. Hot/cold water (juice when there are small children);
 - d. Baking;
 - e. China mugs/cups & saucers/glasses.
4. After hours, caregivers or volunteers will prepare the cart as per above.
5. Volunteers or caregivers will deliver the cart to the resident's room and provide support to family as needed.
6. When family/visitors have left, Agapé staff will return the cart to the kitchen, and ensure that dishes and cart are cleaned and any leftover food is disposed of properly.