

**S**ome desire to make a change in the world... a better place for their community and its people. Ameneh Abusafieh is one of these people. She is the founder and CEO of Universal Health Net Monterey, a hospice agency. It all started with the dream as a RN nurse, who turned her dream into a reality.



Ameneh has always been a hard worker, in her early days pulling 12 hour shifts at UCI Medical Center. She enjoyed it for some time but eventually realized the long hours weren't benefitting her family. She turned to hospice work, as it was more flexible, and fell in love with the field. As the CEO, the job has vast obligations but Ameneh is currently focusing on building a strong committed team. She aims to work with people that feel hospice work is their calling and they will be dedicated to their patients. Her ultimate goal is to have hospice work covering the state of California.



The United States has a long history of hospices being run by big corporations whose main desire is usually profit. Ameneh wants to change all that. Her belief is that this line of work should be about respect for human life. Patients need to be treated with dignity and respect. A lesson she has learned from all of this is you need to come from love and commitment for what you do. Ultimately, Ameneh's hospice team will be made up of local nurses serving the people in their community.

Universal Health Net Monterey just established its roots in 2020. Starting during the Covid-19 pandemic has been no easy task. Nursing homes and assisted living facilities do not want outsiders coming in to work with their patients. Ameneh understands this and is being patient with the situation. When asked about her advice to other business owners she said, "Always do the right thing. Don't let fear run your life and just push forward." Ameneh's commitment to this industry will continue on and make positive changes for years to come.

