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Dancing
With OUR
STARS
Fundraising Event

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Hospice Aide Coordinator
Stephanie Baldwin, NA I
Teresa Graham, NA II
Esmeralda Rodriguez, NA I
Annalisa Thompson, NA I
Sybil Oxendine, NA I
Erica L. Armstrong, NA I
Latonia D. Williams, NA I
Regina Smith, NA I
Myrtle Paul, NA I

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIANS

Jaikyla C. Dumas, NA I
Audrey Martin, NA I
Bernice Thompson, NA I
Kathy Taylor, NA I
Angela M. McDonald, NA I
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Home Care Team Coordinator
Hayley N. Plyler, RN, BSN
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Christine Strickler, RN
Miranda Watson, RN
Amber M. Chavis, RN
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Kathleen Camp, RN,CHPN
Sybil Mazure, RN
Shonda Crump, LPN
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PRN HOSPICE AIDES

Megan Furr, CNA I

ON CALL NURSES

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Cindy Robinson, RN
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Tammy Leviner, LPN

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Kinnley Gardner, MSW, Social Worker
Stephanie Thornton, BA
Inpatient Care Coordinator
Social Worker
Christopher Thornton, CPC/Chaplain
Kenneth Lysterly, MDIV. Chaplain

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All of our volunteers who are
part of our Richmond County
Hospice Family.
Their gift of time and dedication
makes our organization the best
“Home Town Hospice” around!



Special Thank You!

After a two-year global siesta, Richmond County Hospice and most of Richmond County was ready for a FIESTA!! We are ecstatic with the amount of support we received when we decided to bring back our Taste of the Sandhills showcasing Dancing with the Stars fundraiser for a 5th year on Saturday, September 10th. For the third year, Mabry's Drug and Home Care was our event sponsor and this year they made a very generous decision to double up their sponsorship in Honor of the Richmond County Hospice and Mabry's Drug and Homecare staff members who continued to serve and be there for this community throughout the pandemic and in Memory of their brother and business partner, Jim Smart who they lost as a result of the pandemic. Surprised and grateful do not begin to adequately describe our appreciation for their generosity.

This year's table sponsors were: C. F. Smith Property Group, Drs. Joseph and Mary Catherine Moree and Family, Enterprise Fleet Management, Evolution Health Club/BA Premier Real Estate, First Bank, Godfather's Pizza, Griffin Automotive Group, Kidz Construction Childcare, Outreach for Jesus, RBS Case Management, Richmond County Tourism, Richmond Observer, Sandhills Alternative Academy, Simply Chic, Superior Crane, and Tri-Cook Electrical Contractors. We appreciate the continued support of these businesses. Restaurants that participated in the Taste of the Sandhills portion of the event were: Axe to Grind, Buie's Cotton Gin, Captain George Seafood, Emily and Kathy Wescott, Godfathers Pizza, Granny's Kitchen, Mama Noi's, Mr. Mac's BBQ Shack, Number 1 Diner, Peking Wok, Rio's Style Soul Food, Scott's Table, Smithfield's Chicken and BBQ, Taco Loko, The Grille, and The Taco Factory. Please help us thank these food establishments by frequenting their businesses. Of course, what would a "Dancing with the Stars" competition be without our dancers, and what an amazing group of dancers we had again this year! Thank you to each of these dancing duos: Adam & Whitney Franco, Antonio & Brandie Hamilton, Bob Carter & Toni Maples, Charlie & Alyse Melvin, Chuck Wright & Taylor Cox, Jake Smith & Allison Smith, Mark Rohleder & Johnnie Brigman, Paula Daigle & Mary Morrow, Rob & Taylor Lingren, and Wesley & Bethany Jackson. We appreciate you giving of your time and talents to our fundraiser! Thank you to Cleve Baxley & Sabrina McDonald and Marvin Taylor & Hannah Taylor for making a comeback to the stage and being a part of the returning champion's dance. A few others we would like to thank are: Jerry Andrews Photography, Live @ 5, and Richmond Observer for capturing so many special moments from the evening, Meghann Lambeth with Richmond County Tourism, Richmond Observer, the Richmond County Daily Journal, WAYN, and G104 for helping to promote the event. Sharon Nichols and Mary Kate Lambeth for their help backstage in addition to choreographing dances. Our dancers were also helped by these other amazingly talented choreographers: Amy Quick, Gilroy Buller, Holly Howe, Kassie Allen, Sam West, Trisha Caviness, and Yantuhan & Monica Morales. Eric McCotter, Kim Menna, and Travis Breen thank you for returning for the 5th year to serve as judges for our dance competition.

Thank you, Scott Waters, for providing security, Rick Byrd at Mini-Maxi Storage for the use of a box truck, J.R. Cottle at Hwy 55 for donating tea, Bold Moves dance studio for allowing the opening number cast to rehearse, and Dance Sensations for opening their studio to allow several of the dancing duos a place to practice. It certainly takes a village to pull off an event of this size and we appreciate our village! Intermission entertainment this year was provided by Dancers from Bold Moves- Megan Rainwater, Sophia Garner and Cailey Chermak; Dance Sensations- Ava Land, Audrey Graves, Bayden Bendell, Carly McDonald, Cate Kinsey, Cheyenne Leviner, Emerie Gibson, Gracie McRae, Haley Singleton, Harper Johnson, Karley Simmons, Kaylee Singletary, Natalie Meacham, Sarah Meacham, Savannah Jordan, and Sophie Allen; and our very own Hospice Haven Dance team- Bernice Thompson, Jaikyla Dumas, Karen Geiger, Kathleen Camp, and Patricia "Pete" Wheeler. Kayleigh Thrower, Macy Frye, Megan Rainwater, Nic Wilkes, Peyton Turnage, and Sophia Garner.

Thank you all for your dedication to this event! Additionally thank you to EVERYONE who purchased tickets for the event or bought ads for our playbill, thanks to the Cole Auditorium Staff for putting up with us for the days leading up to and during the event, and last but certainly not least THANK YOU to all of our Richmond County Hospice staff and volunteers who assisted with this event, either by being at the Cole to set up and work or those who maned the office and meet patient needs while so many of our staff were busy with the fundraiser. We couldn't do it without you all. Congratulations to our WINNERS: The Grille: 2022 Tasty Award Number 1 Diner: 2022 Tasty Award Runner-up Wesley & Bethany Jackson: 2022 Hospice Choice Award Jake Smith & Allison Smith: 2022 People's Choice Award Chuck Wright & Taylor Cox: 2022 Judge's Choice Award. These are the couples receiving trophies, but the fact is that each couple was a winner just for taking the stage! On behalf of Richmond County Hospice, we encourage you to support these businesses that give back to our community and supported our fundraiser!

Lastly, we would like to acknowledge that many of the DWTS pictures included in this edition of our newsletter were taken by Jerry Andrews or William Toler and we greatly appreciate them sharing their talents and photos with us!



Thank you Mabry's Drug and Home Care for your event sponsorship and thanks to each of our table sponsors for your continued support!





Special thanks to the restaurants and food vendors who provided food for "Taste of the Sandhills". The food was delicious as usual and we appreciate your continued support. A big congratulations to Marsha Reynolds, owner of The Grille for receiving the 2022 "Tasty" award and to Jenny Reynolds, owner of #1 Diner for receiving the 2nd place "Tasty" award.







Dancing with the Stars Intermissions





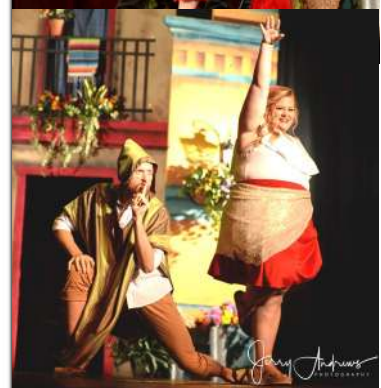


Thank you for your participation!



...and the
WINNERS
are...





Taste of the Sandhills Showcasing Dancing with the Stars Volunteers



This is our main fundraiser each year and it requires the work of many volunteers to be successful.

For this year's event we used 50 volunteers and 28 employees who volunteered to work outside of their regular hours to cover all of the various needed tasks to make the event run as smoothly as possible.

The fundraiser set-up started on Wednesday before the event with stage set-up and continued until the Monday after when all of the un-decorating occurred and everything had to be taken back to the main office. It's a lot of hard work and some very long hours, but not too much for our volunteers who stepped right in no matter where we needed them or what we asked them to do and made it happen with a smile on their faces.

We can't thank them enough for all their hard work and dedication. Rest up for now so we can do it all again next year, we can't wait!!





SKILLS FAIR

Skills Fair and Summer Volunteers

During the summer months our volunteers were busy all around us. Some of them were busy helping us get ready for our Dancing with the stars fundraiser. A few made visits to patients or helped at the Haven with varied tasks, while still others came out to our annual skills fair. During our skills fair this year, we had Sarah Locklear from Hamlet senior center come and share a sensory in-service regarding the impact it has on seniors. No matter where/how our volunteers were helping it was all very much appreciated.

If you would like more information on the different ways you can help , please call or even come by the office. You don't have to have a specific skill set as our staff will teach you all you need to know to become part of our team. There are many opportunities for all types of volunteers.



