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“Compassionate Care Is Our Calling”

SPRING 2019

Richmond County Hospice, Hospice Haven & Anson Community Hospice

Inaugural Cool Cars for a Cause 2019 Fundraiser

On Saturday, March 30th, over 50 vehicles participated in the Cool Cars for a Cause car show presented by Watson King Funeral Homes benefiting Richmond County Hospice. The weather was a beautiful and sunny day despite the pollen in the air.

We appreciate our sponsors for making this event an amazing success: Event Sponsor: Watson King Funeral Home, Sponsors: Sports Cycle, Griffin Automotive Group, McNair Auto Sales, Outreach Christian Academy, Dieffenbach GM Superstore, and Convenience Corner Inc.

Thank you also to our many “In Kind” donors: Napa Auto Parts, Advance

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Last but certainly not least, all of the many volunteers and staff members who made this fundraiser possible were amazing, and we absolutely could not have done it without each and every one of you!



Meet Our Hospice Family

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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!



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Hospice, Inc.**

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RICHMOND COUNTY HOSPICE, INC. AWARDED CHAP ACCREDITATION

Not-for-profit Hospice is certified as a Medicare Provider

Rockingham, North Carolina — April 3, 2019 — Community Health Accreditation Partner, Inc., (CHAP) announced today that Richmond County Hospice, Inc., which includes Hospice Haven and Anson Community Hospice, has been awarded CHAP Accreditation under the CHAP Hospice Standards of Excellence. By achieving CHAP Accreditation, Richmond County Hospice, Inc. has also been deemed to meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation and is certified as a Medicare provider.

CHAP Accreditation demonstrates that Richmond County Hospice, Inc. meets the industry's highest nationally recognized standards. The rigorous evaluation by CHAP focuses on structure and function, quality of services and products, human and financial resources and long-term viability. Adherence to CHAP's standards leads to better quality care and better business performance.

“By achieving CHAP Accreditation, Richmond County Hospice, Inc. has shown a commitment to excellence,” said Barbara McCann, CHAP President & CEO. “This is the sixth year Richmond County Hospice, Inc. has achieved CHAP Accreditation, and we are excited to continue our partnership by offering support in its commitment to providing quality care and continuous improvement.”

Richmond County Hospice, Inc. provides a variety of Hospice services to patients and their families in Richmond County and surrounding areas. Hospice services include home care hospice, general inpatient care at Hospice Haven, and bereavement services. Since 1985, Richmond County Hospice, Inc. has been committed to helping our neighbors by providing exceptional hospice care. Today we are the leading non-profit, community-based hospice in Richmond County. Richmond County Hospice, Inc. has a 94% excellent satisfaction rate from our caregivers, and we have been awarded the DETYA Hospice Honors award for the past four years. “Working at hospice is a mission and our employees work hard to carry out our mission every single day,” said Kristina Leyden, Richmond County Hospice, Inc. CEO.

CHAP is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body for home and community-based health care organizations. Created in 1965, CHAP was the first to recognize the need and value for accreditation in home and community-based care with more than 9,000 agencies currently accredited nationwide. Through “deeming” authority granted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CHAP is a nationally approved accrediting organization who retains authority to survey agencies providing home health, hospice, pharmacy, infusion therapy nursing and home medical equipment services, to determine if they meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation and CMS Quality Standards. CHAP’s mission is to define, verify, and advance the highest quality of home and community-based care through its standards, accreditation, education, and research.

For more information about the CHAP accreditation process, please visit the CHAP website at www.chapinc.org. For additional information, email info@chapinc.org or call 202-862-3413.

For additional information about Richmond County Hospice, Inc., contact Kristina Leyden at 910-997-4464.





Camp Haven 2019

Richmond County Hospice, Inc., held our annual children's grief camp, Camp Haven, on Thursday, March 14, 2019, from 8:30 to 3:15pm. Children, ages 5 to 12, who experienced a significant loss over the last year were invited to camp. Thirty campers attended Camp Haven this

year. The campers were able to share their grief with other children who have also experienced loss. Camp Haven is designed as a day camp which provides a safe place for kids to have fun and make new friends while having the opportunity to explore, learn, and grow through their grief journey.

The campers watched the movie, Barnyard, then participated in activities related to the movie's theme of getting through a loss with the help of friends. Stations for the camp included Being Kind to Yourself, Being Moody is OK, Honoring your Memories, Being a Good Friend and Supporting One Another, Using Your Coping Skills, and Seeking Comfort while Moving Forward. All the activities, arts and crafts, and discussions were carefully designed to help the campers work through their feelings of grief.

The campers discussed how grief is similar to our fingerprint – unique and individual for each of us. The children painted pictures using their fingerprints. The campers discussed their many different feelings related to their grief as they took part in exploring their emotions. To honor their loved ones' memories, campers decorated memory boxes to be used at home for special items and keepsakes. Campers wrote thank-you letters to those persons in their life who provide love and support. The children enjoyed a game of Coping Skills Bingo. Each box on the bingo card listed a strategy to use in dealing with grief such as take a walk, draw a picture, and talk to a friend. Campers also made stress balls as a way to cope with their anxiety and many other different emotions. Ann Wheeler and her family of Tyfton Acres brought a donkey, chicken, mama goat, daddy goat, 3-week old baby goat, and a dog for the campers to pet, hold, and walk. Mrs. Wheeler shared her books and talked with the campers about how pets provide comfort at a time of loss. The camp ended with a balloon release giving the campers an opportunity to remember their loved ones in a special way.

Our annual children's grief camp would not be possible without the tremendous support from community sponsors and volunteers. The sponsorship of Richmond County Farm Bureau and Southern Prime Steakhouse made it possible to provide camp T-shirts for each camper as well as to cover the cost of the many camp activities. Pastor Crews and his church, Church of God of Prophecy in Hamlet, kindly prepared and donated a lunch of hot dogs, chips, and cupcakes. Travis Scott, manager of Biscuitville, generously discounted the cost of the breakfast biscuits, and Pastor Taylor of Outreach for Jesus Church provided tables and chairs for the camp. The help and support from our teen volunteers, the school counselors from the Richmond County Schools, and the dedicated hospice volunteers is also greatly appreciated. The school social workers and school counselors are instrumental in identifying the children who could benefit from Camp Haven and are diligent in their efforts to obtain the camp applications from the parents. We thank **ALL** our volunteers who graciously give of their time and talents while providing kindness, patience, and compassion to the campers (and staff.) A special thanks to Nic Wilkes for using his artistic and creative mind to transform our office into a farm for a day. We also want to thank Mr. Neal Watkins for his support and willingness to lead the chicken dance – a dance enjoyed by all the campers. We also truly appreciate the support given by the Board and staff of Richmond County Hospice, Inc.

Camp Haven is a part of our bereavement program which provides grief support to the community. If you or someone you know needs help in navigating the journey of their grief, please contact the Bereavement Coordinator, Sandy Black, at 910-817-2757.





MOVIE TIME (BARNYARD)



ENTERING THE PLAY ZONE



PARACHUTE



FUN & ACTIVITIES



ANIMAL PETTING ZOO



FAREWELL BALLOON RELEASE





We ♥ our
Social Workers

March is the National Social Work Month

S O C I A L W O R K

Each year, March is designated as Social Work Month. During this month, we celebrate the many accomplishments and contributions of Social Workers. At Richmond County Hospice, Inc. we are proud of our Social Workers. They wear many hats and offer a variety of services such as:

- Providing emotional support to patients and families
- Assessing psycho-social needs of patients and families and linking them to needed resources
- Referring for community resources such as: Meals on Wheels, Rescue Alert, and local food pantries
- Assisting families with referrals to assisted living and skilled nursing facilities for their loved ones
- Educating families and the community on advance care planning
- Referring to the Wishing Well program to assist with granting final wishes for patients
- Completing “Life In Review” for patients
- Serving as advocates for patients
- Serving as mentors for social work interns
- Assisting with various hospice events

Happy Social Workers Month to a group of wonderful Social Workers. Thank you for all that you do to enhance the lives of those we serve.



Shannon Huff, BS, Sandy Black, BSW, and Stephanie Thornton, BA
Jessica Mims, BSW, CHP-SW, Kristina Leyden, MSW, LCSW, and Mary Martha Warnock, BSW



National Healthcare Decisions Day

April 16-22

"It always seems too early, until it's too late."

National Healthcare Decisions Day is Tuesday, April 16, 2019. This day is designated to encourage advance care planning and open discussions about end-of-life wishes. Discussing such topics with our loved ones may seem uncomfortable, but there are many advantages to such conversations. According to the Carolinas Center, some of these advantages include:

Reduction in end-of-life hospitalizations: Most people desire to pass away in their own home surrounded by their family. Advance care planning allows this in many cases as patients' wishes are documented and shared with loved ones.

Honoring personal preferences and wishes with end-of-life care: Documenting your wishes for end-of-life care ensures that your wishes are known and allows your family members to honor your desires.

Decreased anxiety for terminally-ill patients: Patients battling a terminal illness many times would prefer to have open discussions with their loved ones about their preferences. Again, these can be difficult conversations to hold, but they can promote peace for patients with terminal illnesses, allowing them to express their wishes.

Alleviating family members burdens. Family members who must make healthcare decisions often struggle with doing the right thing or honoring the wishes of their loved one. If such discussions have not occurred or no preferences are documented, family members often experience great stress and anxiety during this time.

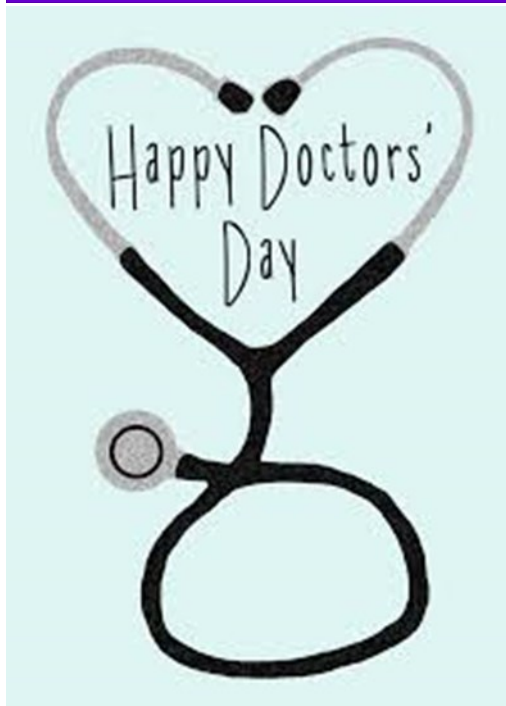
Improved quality of life for patients: When patients' personal preferences and wishes are honored, they can experience more peace and enjoy a higher quality of life.

These are only a few of the advantages of advance care planning. Talk with your loved ones today about your end-of-life wishes and enjoy the advantages outlined above. Richmond County Hospice gladly provides additional education and assistance with completion of advance directives. Contact a Social Worker today at (910) 997-4464.

LOWE'S HEROES

A huge thank you to Rockingham Lowe's and their Heroes foundation for their donation of border stones and labor to begin beautifying the gardens in front of Hospice Haven!





NATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY-THANK YOU

March 30th is National Doctors' Day and it was the chance to express appreciation for doctors' extraordinary roles in serving and caring for their patients, families, and communities.

We wanted to take a moment to recognize the physicians and advanced care practitioners who care for our patients and our community. We have the honor of working with many of the

physicians in and around Richmond/Moore Counties. We appreciate their compassion, kindness, and care to their patients.

We value their commitment to our communities and are thankful for their dedication to their profession. Thank you from all of us at Richmond County Hospice!

We also celebrated our two physicians, Dr. Steven Strobel and Dr. Thai Trihn, who provide medical care to our patients at Richmond County Hospice. We have been blessed with the gift of having two physicians on staff who continue our mission of quality and compassionate care at the end of life.

Dr. William Olster, a founding member of Johns Hopkins, articulated the care process so well when he wrote, "The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease." Treating the whole person and their family is the core of hospice care.

Doctors' Day provides us with a great opportunity to reach out and thank our area physicians for their many contributions to you and me, to our friends and to our neighbors. Our outreach staff enjoyed sending out Doctor's Day wishes to all those physicians that work with our hospice team.

Think about your doctor or all the doctors who have touched your life during this annual celebration and say a little prayer of thanks for the work they do. Be sure to express your appreciation the next time you see her/him whether in a clinic, a hospital, or a grocery store.

Thank you to all of the physicians who serve us.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team

*Mrs. Lisa O'Neal, Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator is the
Recipient of the*

Employee Spotlight for the Month of December 2018!

Mrs. Lisa O'Neal began working with Richmond County Hospice on November 21, 2011. She has accomplished 7 years at Richmond County Hospice working as the Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator.

Tell us about your Family: *I've been married to my best friend, Matthew O'Neal, for 6 years and he's put up with me for 10 years come March. Our precious Babyboy Parker Thomas O'Neal was born on June 5, 2017 and passed on June 12, 2017. We were blessed to have him for a short time and find comfort in knowing we will be with him again. We have four fur babies: Brink, Midnight, Rufus, & Sophie.*

What do you like most about working with Richmond County Hospice?

The staff- I look forward to coming to work because everyone is caring and dedicated to our mission at Richmond County Hospice. I also enjoy working with our wonderful volunteers who give so freely of themselves.

What are three words to describe Richmond County Hospice?

Compassionate, Focused, & Teamwork

Where would you go for a dream vacation?

I would love to go to Paris to see the Eiffel Tower

Are you messy or organized?

Organized for sure! Just ask around the office

Do you have a favorite quote or phrase?

"You never know how Strong you are until being Strong is the only choice you have" - Cayla Mills

Do you have an office nickname?

Not that I know of, but I have given several like Ma, Pa, & Papa.

Tell us the top three highlights of your life?

- 1. Getting married*
- 2. Holding Parker*
- 3. Still waiting on my miracle*

When was the last time you laughed so hard you cried?

Not sure the last time I laughed so hard I cried, but I laugh daily at work (I work with some pretty funny people).

What are some things that are still on your bucket list?

Going to Hawaii with my husband - Going to the super bowl - I would like to be on a game show

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work?

Spending time with family, thrift store shopping, and watching Carolina Panthers football

*Thank you, Mrs. Lisa, for all your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice.
We are truly grateful to have you on our Team!!*



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team

*Ms. Shonda Crump, LPN, Inpatient Care-Hospice Haven
is the recipient of the
Employee Spotlight for the Month of January 2019!*

Ms. Shonda Crump began working at Richmond County Hospice on October 1, 1998. She has accomplished 20 years working as a LPN with Richmond County Hospice.

Tell us a little bit about your Family:

I have a 15 year old son named Jayme who thinks he is my “daddy,” a 16 year old niece Xavea and a 5 year old nephew, Princeton, who I have taken on the extra role of assisting with raising.

What are three words you would use to describe Richmond County Hospice?

Compassionate, Caring, and Supportive

How do you balance your career at Richmond County Hospice and Family?

Spending Quality Time with my family – If you are too busy to enjoy quality time with your family then you need to re-evaluate your priorities.

Before working at Richmond County Hospice, what was the most unusual or interesting job you’ve ever had?

I was a photographer for Kmart/Walmart Portrait Studios. I know some of you still have those pics with the balls or umbrella.

Do you have a favorite quote?

“Always stay true to yourself and never let what somebody says distract you from your goals.” Michelle Obama

If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Chinese food. I absolutely love it!!

What are three words that best describe who you are?

Compassionate, Understanding, Reliable

What is your biggest pet peeve?

Laziness, I just can’t deal.

Where is the best place you have traveled to and why?

Melbourne, Florida- It’s small enough to avoid big city traffic but large enough that you never run out of things to do.

What is your favorite tv show or movie you love to watch?

Crime TV is my favorite. “American Crime Story”, “The First 48”, “Law & Order”

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work?

I love to read. Right now I’m reading the book Becoming, an Autobiography of former First Lady Michelle Obama.



Thank you, Ms. Shonda, for all of your hard work and dedication to Richmond

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team

Mrs. Jane Burnette, Billing & Accounting Specialist is the recipient of our Employee Spotlight for February 2019!

Mrs. Jane Burnette began working with Richmond County Hospice on August 1, 2006. She has accomplished almost 13 years as our Billing and Accounting Specialist.

Jane is married to the love of her life, Duane Burnette, for forty-four years and have two sons, Matthew and Wesley; two daughters-in-law, Casey and Devinne; four precious grandchildren, Elijah, Eliana, Emalyn, and Axel, and two furballs, OO & Cashew.

Let's get to know Jane a little better:

What do you like most about working for Richmond County Hospice?

The wonderful people I work with makes it easy to come to work.

What is your favorite part working for Richmond County Hospice?

I just feel the teamwork we have here, and I love what I do.

Before working at Richmond County Hospice, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had? I worked at FirstHealth in Accounting, and the women I worked with were so crazy. On any given day, we would put on huge boxing gloves and box each other (all in fun), or we were rearranging somebody's desk!!

What is your least favorite food? Chinese food

People would be surprised if they knew what about you?

I'm pretty out there, not many surprises, what comes up, comes out!

What would you like to be famous for? "My Chicken and Rice!!"

Do you have a favorite movie or book you have read lately? I love the movie "The Notebook."

Where is your favorite place to eat? Beef-eaters in Southern Pines.

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? Sleeping all day on the weekends. I do like to shop, but you have to have money to do that. I truly enjoy watching my grandchildren play soccer.



*Thank you, Mrs. Jane, for all your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice.
We are truly blessed to have you on our Team!!*

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Lori Jenkins, RN-Home Care Primary Nurse, is the recipient of the Employee for the Month of March 2019!



Mrs. Lori Jenkins began working with Richmond County Hospice in May, 2012. She has accomplished almost 7 years as a RN Case Manager.

Mrs. Lori and Brian Jenkins have been married for 10 years, and have one amazing daughter, Hailey Lynn, who is her world.

Let's get to know Lori a little better:

What is your favorite part about working at Richmond County Hospice?

Amazing co-workers!

If you could pick one theme for Richmond County Hospice to turn into a book, what would it be?

Angels' Journey

Tell us three things most people don't know about you?

I'm not as scary as people think, I'm a Cancer Survivor, and I love the 80's hairbands music!

What would you like to be famous for?

Not famous but recognized for my dedication in nursing to help others.

What is your biggest pet peeve?

I have a lot, but disrespect is my biggest.

What is your favorite tv show or movie you love to watch?

"Criminal Minds" and "Law and Order SVU"

Where is the best place you've traveled to and why?

All of my cruises! Love to travel!

When was the last time you laughed so hard you cried?

I can't tell ya....LOL!

What is the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery?

The longest cruise I could get!

What kind of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work?

Shopping and staying at home sleeping

Thank you, Mrs. Lori, for all your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice. You are truly an angel with a heart of gold. We are blessed to have you on our RCH Team.

What's Happening



Richmond County Hospice, Inc., is very appreciative of the Event Sponsorship from Watson King Funeral Homes for our Cool Cars for a Cause car show! We also appreciate their support of our various events throughout the year and Jackie Hatfield's guidance for running the car show! Thank you again Watson King Funeral Homes for all you do for our agency and this community!

Marketing Blitz Outreach Event

Celebrating "Doctor's Day"

Richmond County Hospice is sending a Happy Doctors' Day wish to all of those physicians who work together with our hospice team to care for our patients! Extra wishes are sent to Dr. Strobel and Dr. Trinh- our very own hospice physicians!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY (ST. PATTY'S DAY) MARCH 17TH

Richmond County Hospice joined with Wadesboro Health & Rehabilitation for St. Patty's Day on Friday, March 15th, with the Seniors. A big thanks to Kaitlin and the staff of Wadesboro Health & Rehab; and to Linda Russell, Volunteer & Outreach Assistant, and Ellen Richburg, Volunteer of RCH.



Senior Valentine Day Cole Auditorium, Hamlet, NC

Lisa O'Neal
Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator



In-Service at the Hermitage

Chris Thornton, Chaplain, Speaker at Hermitage Retirement Center, Rockingham NC



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Have you ever just spent time reminiscing about something nice that someone did for you? Did you think about how good it felt and how great it was that someone took the time to think of you? That's what we're supposed to do when we take part in communion. We're to remember the wonderful thing Christ did for us on the cross- the redemption He purchased for us and the divine power and limitless provision He made available for us. Every time we hold Communion elements in our hands we are not only looking back at what Christ did, but we are also looking forward to when He will come again. Jesus made it very clear that He was coming again in **John 14:1-31** *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."*

We also see in **1 Corinthians 11:26** "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death John 14:3; (Acts 1:11) till He comes."

We are supposed to proclaim Jesus' death until He returns. When we do, we are proclaiming the plan of salvation. It is our responsibility to proclaim it to as many people as possible. Now is the time for us to talk to the world about salvation. It's up to each believer to tell people about Jesus. Communion is a very sacred and special time. It touches our very core because of what God has done for us. When we partake, we thank God for salvation. But is that as far as it's supposed to go? Is Communion supposed to stop with our enjoying its benefits? So many times that's where it ends. But it shouldn't!

Jesus commissioned us to go out into the world and proclaim His death to those who are dying with no hope of eternal life. He said this in Mark 16:15. Many people read the great commission and think "That's the preacher's job" No it's not! It's our job! Preaching the Gospel is every believer's responsibility.

We're all responsible for going into the world and proclaiming The Lord's death and resurrection until he returns. That doesn't mean you have to leave your job and become a missionary. "All the world" includes your world, not just the global world. Your world consists of your family, friends, neighbors, the people you work with, and the community. Let's us think about these things over the holiday season and pray for opportunity's to spend His Word to the world!

Rev. Chris Thornton, CPC

Chaplain
Richmond County Hospice, Inc.
Hospice Haven General Inpatient Center &
Anson Community Hospice

CALENDAR of Events

Grief Support Group: Richmond Memorial Park and Richmond County Hospice, Inc., co-facilitate a Monthly Support Group. The meeting is held on the 1st Saturday of each month beginning at 10:00am on the Richmond County Hospice Campus in our Hospice Haven Solarium (2nd building). For more information, please contact Mrs. Sandy Black, Bereavement Coordinator (910) 997-4464 or Ext. 910-817-2757. The dates for our 2019 Grief Support Groups are: Jan.5-Feb. 2, Mar. 2, April 6, May 4, June 1,(No group in July), Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec.7.

Anson Grief Support Group: Anson Community Hospice Grief Support Meeting is held on the First Thursday of every month at 6:00pm to 7:00pm at 108 South Greene Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170. This is a free grief support group for the community. If you have cared for or lost a loved one, you are not alone. Each person's journey is different, but together, we can help each other through it. For more information, please contact Mrs. Sandy Black, Bereavement Coordinator - (910) 997-4464 or ext. 910-817-2757.

Alzheimer's Support Group: Richmond County Hospice Alzheimer's Support Meeting will be held on the 2nd Saturday of every month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at our Hospice Haven in the Solarium (2nd Building). For more information, please contact Ray Martin at (910) 997-4464 or ext. (910) 817-2756.

May 3, 2019: **Relay for Life:** held at the Cole Auditorium:5:00pm: Richmond County Hospice will have a team for the upcoming Relay for Life. If you are interested in joining our team or making a donation, please contact Shannon Huff and Mary Martha Warnock at 910.997.4464.

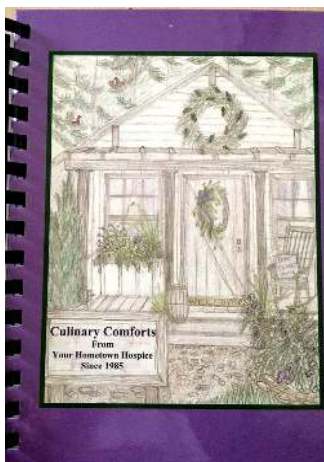
May 2019: **Light of Life Memorial Service:** This service includes families of our patients who have passed away within the last six months as well as community members who have also experienced a loss. For more information about Light of Life Memorial Service, please contact Sandy Black at 910.997.4464. Place and time of service (TBA).

July 30, 2019: **Masquerade Jewelry Sale** - Anson County Office-Marketing and Outreach Events

Sept. 14, 2019: **4th Annual Taste of the Sandhills featuring Dancing with the Stars**
Cole Auditorium, Hamlet, NC. Save the date. Tickets go on sale June 1, 2019.



We're looking for volunteers, civic groups, youth groups, or church groups who would like to participate in beautifying the garden and walking trail at Hospice Haven. If you are interested, please contact Lisa O'Neal, Volunteer Coordinator/Outreach at (910) 997-4464.



Culinary Comforts Cookbook

Richmond County Hospice has cookbooks available for a \$20 donation. With your donation you will receive a Richmond County Hospice 30 year anniversary cookbook, Culinary Comforts from Your Hometown Hospice since 1985. This cookbook contains over 300 recipes, a message from our CEO, and a timeline of our first 30 years. All proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will go to our Benevolent Care Fund. Cookbooks may be purchased at Richmond County Hospice Administrative Office at 1119 US HWY 1 North, Rockingham, NC 28379 or by calling 910-997-4464.

How To Donate To Hospice

There are several ways to contribute to your hometown hospice. You can donate your time by visiting patients, helping around the offices, helping during special events, in-kind gifts from our Wish List, or sending monetary contributions.

Monetary donations may be given in the following ways:

1. Send a check with your donation by mail to our main address
2. Call directly to our office and make a credit card contribution
3. Visit our web site: www.richmondcountyhospice.com under the tab *GIVE*.

You may donate on behalf of someone, in memory, or in honor of a loved one, friend, neighbor, member of your church, or an employee. You may also contribute out of the goodness of your heart.

*Contributions are welcomed towards special projects such as our **BRICK FUNDRAISING** by buying bricks to help build our “Walk to Remember” and the “Veterans Wall.” More information on this project may be found on our web site. All the funds collected through these projects are used directly and exclusively to benefit current and future patients under our care.*

In-Kind Donations

Richmond County Hospice and the Hospice Haven are very fortunate to be surrounded by a compassionate community who supports our not-for-profit hospice agency. We are honored to care for patients and families during their end-of-life journey. With support of our faith community, business community, private clubs, civic organizations, and individuals, we are able to provide various items to our patients. Below is a list of “wish” items that are continually needed and will help our patients in their homes or in our inpatient center, the Hospice Haven.

Reminiscence Items: journals, pens, greeting cards, stationary; Laundry Supplies: laundry detergents, fabric softeners; Food and Basic Staples: applesauce (individual cups), bread, cake mixes and frostings, cereal, cereal bars, can sodas (sprite, diet coke, and coke), cookies (snack size packages), crackers, (individual snack packs), Easy Mac, flavored creamers, frozen dinners, fruits, granola bars, individual ice cream, individual yogurts, jelly, juices, microwave popcorn, peanut butter, pudding cups, snacks; Kitchen supplies: aluminum foil, paper plates, napkins, plastic cutlery, Ziploc bags; Personal Supplies: chap stick, conditioner, shampoo, dental floss, Kleenex, lotion, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste; Gift cards and Certificates: gas stations, Lowes, and Wal-mart.



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