



Have you ever prepared for a long journey, perhaps an extended vacation or an excursion to an exotic location? Plans are made well in advance, and you are sure to select your destination, secure your mode of transportation, and pack accordingly. You also determine the area tourist spots that you will visit, where you will dine, and experiences that you don't want to miss while there. How important it is to plan for such a journey.

More important is planning for our end-of-life journey. We will all face this inevitable trip but too few make plans for this certain event. Each April 16 is designated as National Healthcare Decision Day. This day promotes discussions about and completion of directives to ensure your end-of-life journey goes according to your wishes.

Obviously, having discussions about dying with loved ones is not on the top of our list for family get-togethers, but it is necessary to ensure family members know our desires. Talk to your loved ones today about what you prefer when your life is limited. It is much easier to have these conversations in advance than to wait until you are terminally ill.

Consider taking this process a step further and completing an advance directive such as a: living will, healthcare power of attorney, or a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate Order). This can alleviate some of the burden upon your family caring for you during your final days. With your advance planning on such matters, they can be assured they are adhering to your wishes in your last days of life.

If you would like more information on advance directives, please contact one of our social workers at (910) 997-4464.

What's Happening

We enjoyed being a part of the [Richmond County Aging Services](#) Senior Symposium.

Thanks for participating in our "How Much Do You Know About Hospice" game to get your Easter egg with candy in it! It was great to have so many of you answer questions quickly and correctly! We always look forward to seeing everyone!



Thank you Busy Fingers Ministry of [First Baptist Church of Hamlet](#) for the fidget quilts and pillows donated for our patients. They are much needed and loved by our patients and our staff greatly appreciates your continued donation of these items! Pictured with the donation are Teresa Steele, Brenda Peele, Allison Farrah, and Carla Liles from First Baptist Church and Julie Woody from Richmond County Hospice.



Thank you [Freedom Baptist Church](#) for thinking of our Social Workers during National Social Work month.



We would like to thank the [Alpha Pi Chi National Sorority, Inc. Alpha Mu Chapter of Rockingham, NC](#) for inviting us to speak about hospice services and the events/programs we offer to the community.

We were surprised to be given a large donation of items from our Wish List that the Cinderella court along with their leaders, parents, and escorts collected for our patients and their families.

Thank you again for having us be a part of your program and thanks for all that you do to give back to our community.



**Alpha Pi Chi National Sorority, Inc.
Alpha Mu Chapter of Rockingham, NC**



About &



We were excited to have a couple of our staff members be a part of this year's Leadership Richmond class and also for Richmond County Hospice to participate in the Healthcare.

If you have not been a part of Richmond County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Richmond program it truly is something to consider putting on your "To Do" list for next year. It's a great way to network, build strong professional relationships in the county and learn things about Richmond County that you never knew!





Save the Date

For a

A Regal

Affair

**Taste of the Sandhills Showcasing
Dancing with the Stars**

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Tickets go on sale July 1st!

Lady Whistledown
Society papers

Dearest Readers,

The Ton is abuzz with news of the most inspiring event, Taste of the Sandhills Showcasing Dancing with the Stars. The Queen herself has chosen and selected every detail to make this event one to remember. The finest tailors in town have been sewing and creating some of the most marvelous dresses using the latest fashion trends. All of the English gardens have been scoured in hopes of finding the most unique and beautiful flowers that will meet the Queen's expectations to fill the royal halls. The royal designers, with the help of the Queen of course, have selected some of the world's finest linens and china to create the most immaculate table setting. Our royal performers from around the land of Richmond County are auditioning for their spot in this regal lineup. You certainly don't want to miss out on this social event of the year, all of the Who's Who in this quaint community will be in attendance.

Yours Truly,

Lady Whistledown

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team

Autumn King, CNA 1, Hospice Aide
is the recipient of the

Employee Spotlight for the Month of March 2024!

Ms. Autumn King began working with Richmond County Hospice in May of 2023 and accomplished at Richmond County Hospice for nine months serving as CNA 1- Hospice Aide.

Tell us a little about your Family: I have a three year old little girl, her name is Madalyn Rose, she is my saving grace. I am engaged to her father Matthew for two years now, we've been together since 2019.

What drew you to Richmond County Hospice originally and what have you gained from working here? My mother was on hospice when I was younger, I loved how caring and supportive they were during that time, also my sister, Annalisa encouraged me to apply for RCH. I have gained so many beautiful bonds with families and patients that I will cherish for a lifetime.

What are three words to describe Richmond County Hospice? Comfort, supportive and loving.

If you could pick one theme for Richmond County Hospice to turn into a book about the company, what would it be? "The Quality of life"

Do you have a favorite saying or quote? "If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change. – Wayne Dyer"

What is the name of your favorite restaurant and why? Cracker Barrel, I enjoy eating country/comfort foods.

What are three words that best describe who you are? Empathetic, passionate, hard working.

Complete the sentence, "I am my happiest when....," I am with my daughter.

Where is the best place you have traveled to and why? Mexico, I enjoyed the clear blue waters, the Mexican food and how beautiful the beach is.

When was the last time you laughed so hard you cried? I'm not sure, anytime I get around my grandma, we laugh until we cry haha!

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? I love to shop, travel, spend time with my family.



Thank you, Ms. Autumn, for all of your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice. We truly appreciate your caring spirit and we are so blessed to have you on our Team!!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team



*Rev. Kenneth "Ken" Lyerly, PRN Chaplain/Haven
is the recipient of the*

Employee Spotlight for the Month of February 2024!

Rev. Kenneth "Ken" Lyerly began volunteering with Richmond County Hospice on November 17, 2010 and later was hired with the company on March 14, 2013 and has accomplished 13+ years serving as PRN Chaplain at the Hospice Haven Inpatient Unit.

Tell us a little about your Family: I've been married for 62 years to my lovely wife, Betty and we have two daughters and one son; Five grandkids and three great-grand kids.

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

The time I get to spend listening and talking with patients and their families. It is a great blessing to be invited into their circle of life at such an important time.

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

Drug and Alcohol Counselor for 20 years.

Do you have a favorite quote or phrase? God is Good!

Tell us three things most people don't know about you? (1.) I've met Elton John (2.) I crochet (3.) I love the Ocean

What are three top highlights of your life?

1. My wife saying "Yes" when I asked her to marry me.
2. Holding my kids, grandkids and great grandkids for the first time.
3. Answering God's call to ministry.
4. Received the Volunteer of the Year Award

Do you have a favorite book you have read lately? James Michener's "Alaska." My favorite author is Wally Lamb. (Nothing new for a long time) Thanks to Kristina for introducing me to Lamb.

What is your favorite dish you love to cook? Bacon, eggs and grits

Where is your favorite place to travel and why? Spain-lovely country and wonderful people.

What tv show/movie are you ashamed to admit you love? Hallmark movies. My wife doesn't know I am watching with her.

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

*Thank you, Rev. Ken, for all of your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice.
We truly appreciate your caring spirit and we are so blessed to have you on our Team!!*

People tend to see hospice as a "death sentence." Hospice is not a diagnosis, it is a plan of care for the diagnosis. You won't die sooner because you start the care, or receive support. I find myself constantly reminding people that it is the diagnosis, the illness and the disease process that ends the life. Receiving end-of-life care can often offer someone a better quality of life, at the end of life. It won't happen sooner because you accepted care, any more than it will slow things down if you don't.

xo
Gabby

www.thehospiceheart.net

As Gabrielle Elise Jimenez, aka Gabby, Hospice Nurse, End-of-Life Doula, and author of the Hospice Heart eludes to in the image above, hospice care is a service you don't really want to think about needing, but when you find yourself in a position of need, it is a service that is nice to have.

The goal of hospice care is to provide education, assistance, and supplies to help family members and friends as they provide end of life care for their loved one.

Hospice care includes the multidisciplinary team, symptom management, assistance with medications, medical supplies, durable medical equipment, after hours support, education, and encouragement.

If ever you or a loved one are presented with a potentially life limiting diagnosis, please reach out to our team to inquire about hospice care. Our team is here for you and the support and benefits for both the patient and those by the bedside are more valuable the sooner they are started so that a relationship can be developed between the patient, their family, and the hospice care team.

For more information about hospice eligibility contact a member or our Intake Team at 910-997-4464.



Welcome our new staff!

INTRODUCING THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM!

Carolyn P. Jones, NA 1
Homecare Hospice Aide



Hi,

My name is Carolyn Jones. I first want to say that I really appreciate being part of the RCH Team, It's a pleasure.

I've been an CNA for 24 years. I enjoy helping people and making each day I can help be the best day possible. I love spending my free time with my family, my children and grandchildren and the salty air of the beach.

Again, thank you for all this opportunity.

Carolyn Jones
RCH CNA

Hi,

My name is Ellen Schaefer. I am originally from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. I have been a resident of North Carolina for 17 years and I have been a CNA for 22 years as of this current year.

I love horses and dogs, but most of all I love helping people. I would like to thank Richmond County Hospice for the opportunity to be employed and work at the Richmond County Hospice Haven-Inpatient Unit.

Thanks for having me and allowing me to be a part of the Richmond County Hospice Team.

Ellen Schaefer
RCH PCT

Ellen F. Schaefer, NA11
Patient Care Technician/Haven



WELCOME Paula!



Mrs. Paula Daigle, BA/CPE

In this edition we are delighted to introduce Paula Daigle, she has been with *Richmond County Hospice* for some months now, but she has recently been promoted to Full Time Hospice Chaplain. Paula has spent the majority of her career working with children and adults with special needs.

A few years ago, she started a Montessori School in Lee County that is still operating. She has taught at the *Sandhills Children's Center*, the *O'Neal School*, and most recently at *Moore Pediatrics*. She received her *Clinical Pastoral Education* (CPE, a closely supervised, small group, experiential education process, focused on professional interfaith education in religious ministry) at *First Health of Pinehurst*, where she has also been collaborating as a Chaplain. Currently she is also enrolled at Campbell University working on obtaining her MDiv with an expected graduation date of 2025.

Paula is very involved in her church, where she is also an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion. She's been married to Bill Daigle for many years, and they live in Cameron, NC. They have two children and five grandchildren.

One of her favorite quotes is one by MLK :

"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

Please join us in welcoming Paula to our team!



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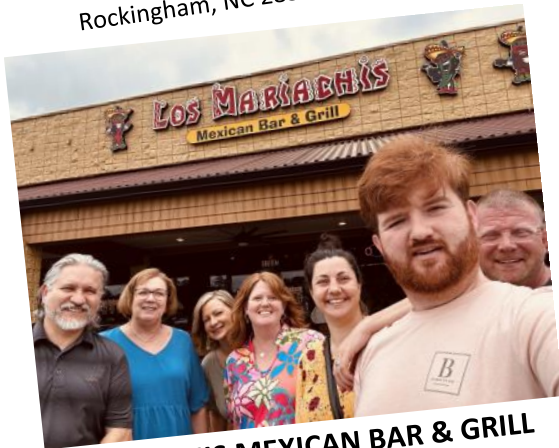
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UPCOMING



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 10:00 am on the Richmond County Hospice-Haven/Solarium- 2nd building - 1119 US Highway 1 North, Rockingham, NC 28379. For more information, please contact Mrs. Breanna Allen, Bereavement Clinical Social Worker (910) 997- 4464 or Ext. (910) 817-2757. **Dates for 2024:** June 1, July (No Group) August 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7. Refreshments served and no cost to attend.

June 11, 2024: **Volunteer Skills Fair:** will be held at Richmond County Hospice –1119 US Highway 1 N, Rockingham, NC in the Conference room beginning at 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Sept. 21, 2024: **Taste of the Sandhills featuring Dancing with the Stars** will be held at the Cole Auditorium - 1042 Hamlet Avenue, Hamlet, NC. beginning at 5:00 pm until 12:00 am. Theme: A Regal Affair.

October 24, 2024: **Candy Cavalcade/Trunk or Treat** beginning at 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm at Richmond County Hospice -1119 US Hwy 1 N, Rockingham, NC. For more information, please contact Mrs. Julie Woody at (910) 997- 4464.

November 1, 2024: **Salute to Veterans Ceremony** beginning at 11am until 1:00 pm at the Richmond County Hospice-1119 US Hwy #1 N, Rockingham, NC. For more information please contact Mrs. Jessica Mims at (910) 997- 4464.

November 7, 2024: **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).

November 17, 2024: **Hospice Sabbath:** to honor those individuals throughout the community who have passed within the last year. Churches who participate in Hospice Sabbath will receive a white rose to place in the sanctuary and bulletins to offer support and encouragement. We would like to invite any church in the community. Please call (910) 997-4464.

December 3, 2024:**Anson Community Hospice Forever Tree Lighting Ceremony:** beginning at 6:00 pm - Leavitt Funeral Home, Wadesboro, North Carolina.

December 10, 2024:**Richmond County Hospice Forever Tree Lighting Ceremony:** beginning at 6:00 pm - Richmond County Hospice-1119 US Highway 1 North, Rockingham, NC.



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.*



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“Giving is the Greatest Act of Grace” - Anonymous

Be our Advocate

Anyone can make a referral or spread our mission throughout our service area.

Volunteer

Volunteers are an important and integral part of Richmond County Hospice, Inc. We invite you to enjoy the personal satisfaction and rewards of helping others.

Sponsor Event

Event Sponsors allow us to continue with our outreach programs. We have various events with different sponsorship levels.

Donate

Pay tribute to someone special by making an honorary or memorial donation in their name, or donate to one of our various charitable projects. Donations Support Richmond County Hospice Programs.

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Visit our Website at:

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learn more about our programs and services.

Our Contributors enable us to provide Excellence In End-of-life Care

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize these individuals and publicly acknowledge our appreciation for all they've done. With your continued support, we will be able to provide quality compassionate care to individuals in our community in the future. Donations listed were received from October 2023 through December 2023.

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