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Richmond County Hospice, Inc. Hospice Haven, Anson Community Hospice



THE GALA 30TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Richmond County Hospice is your hometown hospice serving your friends, neighbors, and their families since 1985. Richmond County Hospice is a not for profit hospice that started out with a mission to serve the whole of Richmond County.

Today, Richmond County Hospice, Inc. has an arm in Anson County, Anson Community Hospice, the only General Inpatient Unit in Richmond County, Hospice Haven, and also serves patients in Montgomery, Scotland, and Moore Counties.

It was an honor this year to be a part of the planning committee for the thirtieth year celebration. The celebration started during the winter edition of the Community Newsletter where we worked on a special edition highlighting the last thirty years of our rich history.

On May 16th, 2015, Richmond County Hospice held a Gala celebrating our thirty-year anniversary. The celebration was held in a rustic chicken house at Triple L. Farms in Derby, NC. The chicken house was transformed into a sophisticated country Gala by hospice employees and volunteers. Those involved hung mason jars for lighting, spread hay, made quaint seating arrangements with tables, chairs, church pews, and hay bales, created a wall from burlap and old doors, and shared many laughs in the process.

The evening's menu consisted of a delicious country themed buffet catered by Hidden Treasures and an anniversary cake made by Kool Kakes. A favorite menu item that night was the BBQ shooters with slaw. Beverages included a selection of wine from Little River Winery, craft Beer from Southern Pines Brewery, in addition to sweet tea and lemonade served in mason jars.

Hamlet Senior Center Silver Liners performed several line dances, and DJ Stewart Niemyer kept the music going as guests danced the night away. True to her style, Mary Kate Lambeth with Boondocks Photography set up a shabby chic photo booth for everyone to enjoy. In addition to the photo booth, Mary Kate captured many moments of the evening.

Neal Watkins, current Richmond County Hospice Board Chairman and member of the original founding Board, shared memories from the past and expressed sincere appreciation for the continued services provided by Richmond County Hospice. Kristina Leyden, CEO, recognized all staff present and thanked the staff for all of their dedication and quality work.

During the night, raffle tickets were sold for a handmade set of patriotic corn hole boards. These corn hole boards were made by army veteran Sergeant First Class Matt Harshman and donated by Brian Baucom, current Richmond County Hospice Board member. Stanley Frye was the lucky winner of these handcrafted patriotic boards.

A very special and sincere thanks to the Lambeths for the use of their farm, especially Mary Kate and Marcia who donated their time and energy to make this a very special night for Hospice. We strongly encourage everyone to visit the Lambeths at the Derby Store for a unique experience and to get your summer produce and a hand dipped ice-cream cone. While there, please thank them for their gracious support of Richmond County Hospice.

THANK YOU for your continued support of your hometown hospice, and we look forward to the next thirty years of caring for our community.

In hospice service,
Kristina Leyden, LCSW
CEO.

Happy 30 year anniversary Richmond County Hospice





Meet Our Hospice Family

HOSPICE AIDES

Tammy Bull, CHPNA
Hospice Aide Coordinator

Tina Blake, Hospice Aide
Teresa Graham, Hospice Aide
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Stephanie Baldwin, Hospice Aide
Annalisa Thompson, Hospice Aide
Esmeralda Rodriguez, Hospice Aide
JoeAnn Smith, Hospice Aide
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Peggy Gatewood, RN/Case Manager

Michelle Rogers, RN/Case Manager
Natalie Barbour, RN/ Case Manager
Michelle Brown, RN/Case Manager-PRN
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ANNUAL VOLUNTEER BANQUET

The week of April 12-18 was recognized as **National Volunteer Week** and Richmond County Hospice hosted its annual Volunteer Banquet during that week; the theme was “Volunteers Make A World of Difference.” Volunteers are a huge asset to Richmond County Hospice, and it was a pleasure to provide a banquet to show our appreciation to each and every individual who volunteered in the last year.

Volunteers perform many different roles at Richmond County Hospice, including patient care, office support, volunteer program, bereavement, fundraisers and special events. Volunteers, giving of their time and talents, continue to impact the patients, families, and also Richmond County Hospice staff. If you are interested in becoming a part of our hospice team or have any questions regarding volunteering, please contact Lisa O’Neal, Volunteer Coordinator at (910) 997-4464.



Award recipients at this year’s Annual Volunteer Banquet held on April 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Rockingham, NC were: (from left to right) Lisa O’Neal, Volunteer Coordinator; Neal Watkins, Mary Heavner Volunteer Award; Angela Davis, Patient Care Award; Lynn Clewis, Board of Directors’ Award; Mary Heavner, years in service to Hospice Award; Tavares Bostick, Professional Award; Jennie Staub, Teen Volunteer Award; Sherry Edwards, Rookie of the Year Award; Rev. Steve Crews, years of service on the Board of Directors; John Edwards and Cory Jones, Honor Guards with the Richmond County Sheriff’s office. Recipients unable to attend are De’zha Jones, Non-clinical Award; and Lowe’s Heroes, Business Award. A special thank you to all who supported this event to make it a success.





CAMP HAVEN 2015



Fifty-one campers participated in our grief camp, Camp Haven, which was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. With the help of 90 volunteers, the staff of Richmond County Hospice, Inc., hosted a day of fun and reflection. This was our twenty-fifth year of sponsoring a grief camp for children in the community who have experienced a loss through death, divorce, or separation. Camp Haven provides a safe place for kids to explore their feelings of grief as well as have fun with other children who share similar circumstances of loss.

The day started with the campers receiving a Camp Haven t-shirt and a gym bag. They then enjoyed breakfast and a parachute ice breaker activity. Following this, the campers were divided into age groups and participated in ten different activities. Children made "emotion" bracelets, drew pictures on quilt squares, wrote a poem and love note, made a memory box, and designed a scrapbook. Campers also planted flowers, made a bird feeder, discussed the Cycle of Emotions, and made pillows from their loved one's shirts. There was a recreation station which included cornhole, bouncy house, Frisbee, and free play which allowed the campers to be active and to release some energy. The campers enjoyed a delicious lunch and afternoon snacks. The final activity of the day was a balloon release giving the children the chance to say good-bye to their loved one. Parents were invited to participate in the balloon release.

Many friendships were made and much grief was shared during the camp. Many businesses, churches, and organizations helped in making the camp a success. We would like to thank Biscuitville, Mr. Gomez and crew, Monroe Avenue Elementary School, Smithfield's Chicken and Bar-B-Q, Church of God of Prophecy in Hamlet, Hidden Treasure Catering Company, Richmond County Farm Bureau, Inc, Outreach for Jesus Church, Jeff's Trophies and T's, LMO Paradise Rentals, and Richmond County Hospice and Board of Directors. We are especially thankful to the school social workers, school counselors, and high school volunteers who gave of their time to help.

Camp Haven is an annual event planned by a committee comprised of the bereavement coordinator and Hospice staff, volunteers, school social workers and school counselors. If you would like additional information on Camp Haven, please contact Sandy Black, Bereavement Coordinator with Richmond County Hospice, Inc. at 910-997-4464.





Light of Life

The Light of Life Memorial Celebration was held Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at First Presbyterian Church in Hamlet, NC. The bi annual service is held as a remembrance ceremony for families served by Richmond County Hospice, Inc, as well as families

in the community who have experienced the death of a loved one over the past six months. The evening gives families a time to celebrate the lives of those no longer with them, and provides the hospice staff with an opportunity to honor the lives of our patients.

During the service, family members took part in a reflection ceremony by lighting a candle to commemorate the life of a deceased loved one. The evening's speaker was Elder Belinda Rice, who spoke personally about grief and loss and also offered words of hope and encouragement to the families. In addition, families were uplifted by the beautiful music of the evening. Emily Strobel played the harp for the prelude, Jessica Mims sang a solo, "Hear My Heart", and the Sandhills Ringers Handbell Choir performed "Amazing Grace" and "Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You." Following the service, guests and the hospice staff were served a delicious meal catered by Hidden Treasures.

We recognize that grief can create much darkness and sadness for many of our families. The Light of Life Memorial service offers families an evening of peace and comfort as they celebrate their loved one's life.



Relay for Life Was A Success!!

Richmond county Hospice participated in Relay For Life on May 8th 2015, at the Cole Auditorium. Mary Martha Warnock and Shannon Huff were co-captains for our team. There were 36 teams registered for this year's event in Richmond County and a total of \$61,284.15 was raised over all.

Richmond County Hospice ranked second place in fundraising by raising a total of \$6,184.92. We also won the "Best Campsite" at the event thanks to Shannon Huff and Stephanie Thornton's creative idea. We would like to thank everyone who supported Richmond County Hospice in our efforts to raise money for Relay for Life.



Happy Nurse's Week to all of our Nurse's of Richmond County Hospice.

The Carolina Center announced their 2015 Dr. John Lusk Scholarship recipients. We are proud to announce that our very own, Jenny Mabe, RN-Home Care Nurse Manager, was on that list!

***Congratulations
Jenny Mabe !!***



(Left to right) Michelle Rogers, RN, Case Mgr; Lori Jenkins, RN, Case Mgr; Jenny Mabe, RN,CHPN, Home Care Nurse Mgr; Cayce Terry, RN, Case, Mgr; Lisa Pope, RN, CHPN/Case Mgr; Peggy Gatewood, RN, Case Mgr; Tammy Driggers, RN, Case Mgr.



Teresa Balzer, RN Case Mgr. Inpatient; Gwendolynn Holley, RN Case Mgr. Inpatient; Kathleen Camp, RN Case Mgr. Inpatient



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(Back row) Ann Elise Taylor, RN, Case Mgr. Inpatient; Teresa Balzer, RN, Case Mgr, Inpatient; Kathleen Camp, RN Case Mgr, Inpatient; Natalie Barbour, RN Case Mgr; Shonda Crump, LPN, Floater; Jenny Mabe, Home Care Nurse Mgr; Cayce Terry, RN Case Mgr; Peggy Gatewood, RN Case Mgr; Michelle Rogers. RN Case Mgr.
(Front row) Karen Geiger, RN Case Mgr; Tammy Driggers, RN Case Mgr; Hollie Smith, Inpatient Nurse Mgr; Lori Jenkins, RN, Case Mgr.



Audrey Martin, Patient Care Technician; LaToya Ratliff, Patient Care Technician; Kay Brewington, Patient Care Technician



(Front row) Teresa Graham, HA; Tammy Bull, Hospice Aide Coordinator; Sinatras Slater, HA; (Back row) Stephanie Baldwin, HA; Sybil Oxendine, HA; Joyce Little, HA; Tina Blake, HA; Tiffany Strong, HA; Esmeralda Rodriguez, HA



Kathy Taylor, Patient Care Technician; Kelly Rivers, Patient Care Technician; Victoria Brown, Patient Care Technician

***Happy Nurse's Assistant
Week***

A Look from the Outside into your Hometown Hospice



Many of us travel up and down the busy US Hwy #1 and pass the campus of Richmond County Hospice, looking over to admire the grounds so neatly maintained, not even knowing what this organization does. Others pass by looking over with feelings of gratitude, admiration, comfort and peace as they or someone they love has had the opportunity to experience firsthand what hospice is all about. Hospice is defined as: care designed for people in the final phase of a terminal illness and focus on comfort and quality of life, rather than a cure.

For myself personally, after working in hospice care for seven of my thirteen years as a nurse, hospice is so much more than a job. It's a commitment to making an impact in the lives of the patients. Fortunately for myself, the foundation of my hospice experience began right here with my hometown hospice, Richmond County Hospice, Inc. Serving as Nurse Care Manager for patients in your hometown was rewarding. Patients and their families know you and never forget the impact you and the organization had on their lives at such a difficult time.

Being a hospice nurse is so rewarding and fulfilling, however, it can also be challenging. Having a strong supportive team is not only the essential part in managing the care of the patient, but the family as well. It is also necessary to have strong, nurturing, supportive, and knowledgeable administrative leaders who manage the daily operations of the organization.

The presence of a full time, in-house Medical Director is essential in overseeing the clinical aspect of the organization required by Medicare. The clinical aspect includes directing patient care, providing formal rounds at the in-patient facility, face to face visits to home care patients, home visits, skilled consultations to the hospice staff, and cost containment activities.

Over the last few weeks, I have had the privilege of completing my Community Health Clinical Hours at Richmond County Hospice as I work toward obtaining my Bachelors Degree in Nursing. Richmond County Hospice is a non-profit organization serving the communities of Richmond, Anson, Scotland, Montgomery, and Moore Counties.

What I witnessed during my time there was every aspect of their operation, from an admission to home visit rounds at the Hospice Haven with the Medical Director, Dr. Steven Strobel, as well as following other clinical team members to see how their roles are crucial in assisting the nurse with providing patient centered care. Dr. Strobel, recently hired as Richmond County Hospice's first full-time, in-house Medical Director, provides plans to better serve and care for the organization's patients.

From January 1st through June 30, 2015, Richmond County Hospice served 211 patients. Of these, only 22 required a trip to the hospital. Dr. Strobel's presence decreased hospitalization by 66% from the same period in 2014. From January 2014 through June 2014, 49 of the 153 total patients served went to the Emergency Room.

Dr. Strobel's presence full-time has not only been an asset to the staff and patients by decreasing hospitalization, but has proven to be more cost effective for this non-profit organization. Providing care for patients at home or in the in-patient facility locally is so important to the patients and families as the focus continues to be patient centered care maintaining comfort and quality of life.

Richmond County Hospice, a non-profit organization provides; care to all who qualify regardless of their ability to pay. There are many elements that set Richmond County Hospice apart from other organizations. One aspect is providing services for thirty years in our community. The services are provided through a successful, ongoing ministry which includes a Benevolent Care Program. Money is raised from local community fundraisers such as the Forever Tree. Contributions of \$10 are made in honor or memory of a loved one at Christmas, then that person's name is placed on a Christmas Tree at Richmond County Hospice. One hundred percent of the gifts received help meet the needs of the Benevolent Care Program. This program includes support groups, one on one counseling, grief camp for kids, and bi annual memorial services. Richmond County Hospice supports the community in a number of other ways. The following are additional events that Richmond County Hospice coordinates.

1. A yearly volunteer banquet showing gratitude for all those who volunteer their time to help this organization
2. Camp Haven, an annual event designed for children ages 5-12 who have experienced a significant loss during the previous year. In 2015, they had the most participants ever.
3. Serving lunch one day a month at the local soup kitchen-donated, prepared, and served by hospice staff.

There are numerous ways to contribute to your hometown hospice. Donations may be made in honor or memory of someone, and in-kind donations are greatly appreciated. A list of needed items is available by calling or stopping by Richmond County Hospice. These items help meet the needs of the patients and families both in home care and at the in-patient facility.

In closing, my clinical hours spent at Richmond County Hospice were enriching and educational. I was very thankful for this experience and all the care that Richmond County Hospice provides to our community.

written by: Genny Baucom, RN
BSN Student

Advance Directives: Difficult, but Necessary

One of the most difficult, yet most important conversations that a family can have involves advance directives. It is important that individuals determine and discuss their wishes for treatment with family members, and formalizing them into advance directives can ease the strain placed on a caregiver when caring for a loved one. An advanced directive is a document that makes your wishes regarding medical care known to your family members and care providers. There are various forms of advance directives, not limited to the following:



- 1) **North Carolina Advance Directives Packet:** This document contains both a Healthcare Power of Attorney (HCPA) form as well as a Living Will. The HCPA form names the individual that you choose to make your healthcare decisions for you when you are deemed no longer competent to do so. A Living Will stipulates your wishes regarding life sustaining treatments such as artificial nutrition, hydration, and ventilator support. Executing these documents requires that the individual be alert and oriented and able to understand the decisions which they are making. It also requires that two witnesses, not related by blood or marriage, witness the individual's signing of the document. A notary public is also present during the signing of these documents. Individuals also need to ensure that these documents are provided to healthcare providers and the appropriate family members to ensure that their wishes are honored.
- 2) **Five Wishes:** This document addresses five key areas concerning end-of-life medical care:
 - Who do I want to make my medical decisions for me if I no longer can do so?
 - What kind of treatment do I desire?
 - How comfortable do I wish to be?
 - How would I like other to treat me?
 - What would I want my loved ones to know?

This document also requires a notary public be present along with two witnesses. Again, it is necessary to ensure that healthcare providers and appropriate family members are provided with a copy of this form.
- 3) **Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST) form:** Recently, this form has become increasingly recognized by our state. The MOST form addresses several areas, including resuscitation status, antibiotics, and medically administered fluids and nutrition. This document requires a physician's signature, as well as that of the individual. The MOST form must be reviewed with a physician at least annually.
- 4) **Do Not Resuscitation (DNR) form:** This form is appropriate for individuals that do not wish to undergo Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation or CPR. In order to be valid, the original "goldenrod" colored form must be present to prevent CPR from being administered by first responders. This form requires a physician's signature and is typically completed by the individual's primary care doctor. As with other documents, it is important to ensure that healthcare providers and family members are informed of the DNR status for the individual.

Conversations regarding such topics can be uncomfortable for family members. However, it can also be a very important gift to allow your loved ones to know that they are honoring your wishes. Should you desire additional information or if you would like to consider executing such documents for yourself, please contact Jessica Mims at Richmond County Hospice at (910) 997-4464. As your hometown hospice, we are here to help you as you navigate some of life's toughest decisions.

What's Happening



Anson Community Hospice, a division of Richmond County Hospice, Inc. participated in the Anson County Chamber Golf Tournament at the Twin Valley Country Club in Wadesboro. Teeing up on behalf of Anson Community Hospice were Dr Steven Strobel, Chief Medical Officer; Chris Thornton, Hospice Chaplain; Marvin Taylor III, Director of Finance; David Jenkins, Marketing/Community Relations Liaison



Marketing Liaison, David Jenkins was a guest speaker at St. Peter's UMC at the Gospel Explosion Celebrating "I am a survivor". Here, David is pictured with Dorothy Goldston and Mark Reeves. Thank you David for representing Richmond County Hospice!



Our wonderful employees of Richmond County Hospice donated the supplies and their lunch break to raise funds for Relay for Life. Over 150 spaghetti plates were sold.



David Jenkins represented Richmond County Hospice on Team Scott in the Bowling for Autism event a lot of fun and a great cause.





David Jenkins was recently part of the Leadership Anson graduating class. Over the past six months they toured many of Anson County's industries, government settings, farms, and as well as visited the state legislature as Tom McInnis's (House) guest. The group made a donation of \$100 to Anson County Domestic Violence, and David was the one chosen to give the donation speech and present the donation to Karen Baucom.



Richmond County Hospice's golf team for the Richmond Chamber golf tournament. Our guys had fun, but Board of Director Brian Baucom's team came home with the win!



Richmond County Hospice staff and volunteers enjoyed the sunny Sunday afternoon running a dunking booth at the Sandhills Children's Center Duck Derby! Thank you to everyone who came out to support Sandhills Children's Center, Richmond County Hospice, and the other organizations represented at the event. A special thanks to our staff and volunteers who ran the booth especially the "sitting ducks" that braved the water! What a fun afternoon it was!



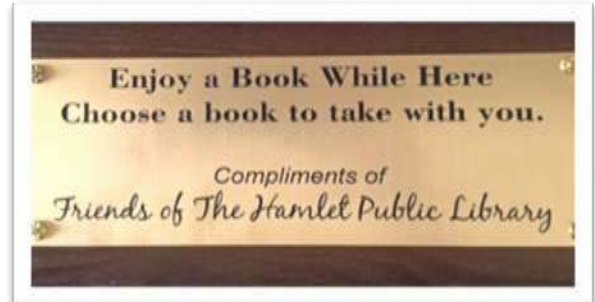
American Red Cross Blood Drive

On Wednesday, June 24th, Richmond County Hospice hosted an American Red Cross blood drive. Special thanks to Tammy Bull for coordinating the event, along with the volunteers, Emily Wescott and Kayla Hernandez who helped man the stations. A very special thank you to Mrs. Lynn Clewis for all of the help and support she has given to Richmond County Hospice. Thanks to all of our staff and members of our community who donated a most precious gift- blood.



What's Happening

The Friends of the Hamlet Library came to donate a "library" to our Hospice Haven. They will replenish the books monthly. We are so thankful for these generous ladies and this great program.



Our Dedicated Volunteers

Richmond County Hospice is honored to have such dedicated volunteers and we would like to recognize these individuals for their hard work.



Mrs. Lynn Clewis, a very loyal volunteer for Richmond County Hospice, recently rotated off our Board of Directors, but continues to share her time and talents with us by being the "Editor" of our Quarterly Newsletter.



Tavares Bostic-Professional Volunteer: Tavares helps out the Bereavement Department by making calls to patient's families.



Emily Westcott-Office Volunteer: Emily helps in the office by filing and answering the phone. Her sweet and loving spirit warms everyone she meets.



Kayla Hernandez-Teen Volunteer: Kayla prepared 500 + mailings to go out for our upcoming cookbook. Send us your favorite recipe to add to the book.



Milton Washington– Grounds volunteer: Milton keeps the Walk To Remember path beautiful.



Upcoming Events



Cook Book: Richmond County Hospice is looking for recipes to complete a 30th Anniversary cookbook. Our hope is to receive around 800 recipes for publication. If all goes as planned, the cookbooks will be ready for purchase towards the end of October. If you have recipes you would like to contribute, please contact Linda Russell or Mary Martha Warnock at 910-997-4464 for more information.

Seaboard Festival & Christmas on the Square: Richmond County Hospice will have booths at the Seaboard Festival in October and Christmas on the Square in December with plans to sell our 30th Anniversary cookbook.

Salute To Veterans: Friday, November 6th, Richmond County Hospice will host the 4th Annual Salute to Veterans Event starting at 11:00am. This event is open to anyone in the community who would like to attend. This event will take place on the Richmond County Hospice campus.

Hospice Sabbath: November 15, 2015 is the national day for Hospice Sabbath. This is day annually that we celebrate the important aspect of spirituality at the end of life. We hope that you will consider participating with us in November as Richmond County and our community celebrate Hospice Sabbath.

Light Of Life: Richmond County Hospice will host its second Light of Life Memorial Service for 2015 in November. The date will be determined later. This service includes the families of our patients who have passed within the last six months as well as community members who have also experienced a loss. For more information about the Light of Life service, contact Sandy Black at 910-997-4464.

Forever Tree: During the Christmas Season Richmond County Hospice will celebrate all loved ones with our Forever Tree. The tree will be illuminated by bright white lights representing memorial and honorarium contributions for individuals given by family and friends. We will also celebrate with a tree lighting ceremony in December. More information will be in the next edition of our newsletter.



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 done also in the following ways:

1. Sending a check with your donation by mail to our main address
2. Calling directly to our offices and making a credit card contribution
3. Visiting our web site: <http://mpweb.org/hospice>, under the tab GIVE.

You may donate on behalf of someone, or 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: 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 that 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.



Supporting Richmond County Hospice is as easy as shopping on-line. The Amazon Smile Foundation and the ebay Giving Works a program where they will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to YOUR charitable organization. Please go to your Amazon Account and ebay Giving Works and choose Richmond County Hospice as YOUR organization!

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1678217>



Help Richmond County Hospice, Inc. raise more funds by adding them as your favorite charity on eBay.

<http://givingworks.ebay.com/charity-auctions/charity/>

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.

Memorials:

Phillip Covington

Carol Norton

Michelle Wall

Daphne Stancil

Carl Riggan/Lenae Thompson

Earline Arthur

Alice Kirkley

Mary Taylor

John C. "Jim" Webb

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mercer

Junior Cobbler

Margie Cobbler

Sue M. Terry

Monica Hancock

Margaret H. Parsons

Alison Parsons

Charlie Stewart

Camden Williams

Edward Hirsch

Susan Parsons

Quinten Parsons

Kelly Dunham

Lucille H. Redmond

Kim Chapman

Baby Gillium

Mike Pisano

Esto Lee Kennedy Goodman

Norman Poston

Chales Webb

Bill Rohleder

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Walter Lampley

Paula Foreman

Patricia McCormick

Henrietta Bryant

William Bryant

Esther Gardner

Marilyn Colen

Lillie Gardner & Jennie Bostick

Glenn Patterson

Mark & Linda Auman & Family

Steve & Nita Coltrane

Gary Fisher

Kay Fisher, Kathryn & Holly

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Nixon

Vic Goodman Sr.

Helen Goodman

Bobbie Dull

Helen Goodman

Dennis Dull

Helen Goodman

Charles Munn

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Gladys McLendon

Marjorie Mullen

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