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Richmond County Hospice, Hospice Haven & Anson Community Hospice



Meet Our Hospice Family

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Tammy Bull, NA II, CHPNA
Hospice Aide Coordinator
Teresa Graham, NA II
Esmeralda Rodriguez, NA I
Annalisa Thompson, NA I
Sybil Oxendine, NA I
Erica Armstrong, NA I
Latonia Williams, NA I
Regina Smith, NA I
Myrtle Paul, NA I
Autumn King, NA I

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Kay Brewington, NA I
Bernice Thompson, NA I
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Barbara Potter, RN
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Megan Hope Furr, CNA I

ON CALL NURSES

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Patricia Wheeler, RN
Leslie Gadson, RN
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Compliance Coordinator
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Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator

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FAMILY SERVICES

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Social Worker
Shannon Huff, BA, Social Worker

Kinnley Micklem, MSW
Clinical Social Worker

Sandy Black, BSW
Bereavement Coordinator

Nia Jones, BSW
Bereavement Social Worker

Breanna Bostic, BSW
Bereavement Social Worker

Stephanie Thornton, BA
Inpatient Care Coordinator/Social Worker

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Kenneth Lysterly, MDIV. Chaplain

Paula Daigle, PRN Chaplain

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Buddy Edwards, Maintenance Technician
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Vladimir Tushin, Housekeeping
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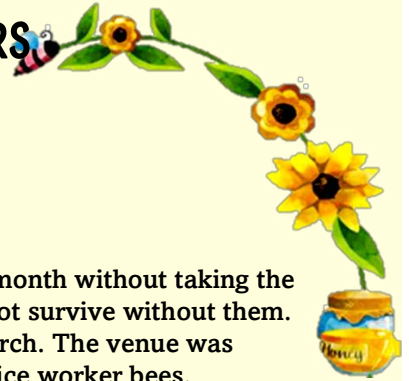
Linda Arrington
Ken Bostick
Chuck Cobb

Rev. Chris Hawks
Mary Kate Lambeth
Mechelle Preslar
Jonathon Lewis
Audrey Moore
Jason Gainey

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!

RICHMOND COUNTY HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS ARE BUSY BEES



April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month and there's no way we could finish out this month without taking the time to acknowledge ours! Our Volunteers are a great group of "busy bees", and we would not survive without them. We held our annual volunteer banquet on Thursday April 20, 2023 at Outreach for Jesus Church. The venue was transformed into a garden party designed to celebrate our very own Richmond County Hospice worker bees. Volunteers and their guests enjoyed an appetizer charcuterie spread from Boards by Pey, a catered meal by Jesuite's Creations, desserts donated by Misty Crouch, along with musical entertainment provided by "We the Yarboroughs", Tammy Stewart an informative speaker who provided information on beekeeping and honey producing, and inspirational words about volunteering from our guest speaker Neal Watkins.

At the beginning of the night, we paused for a moment of silence in remembrance of Dwayne Quick, one of our dedicated volunteers whose presence will be greatly missed at all our events. All of our volunteers were thanked for their service. Special recognition was given to the following volunteers who gave more than 40 hours of their time in 2022. • Nancy Boling • Ken Lyerly • Myra Leak • Pat Black • Jonathan Glaze • Nyla Wilkes • Linda Hatcher • Nia Jones • Linda Compton • Jennifer Hurd • Sheila Gilmore • Trenton Woody • Emily Wescott. In addition to those volunteers recognized for over 40 hours of service we also recognized a few specific individuals with volunteer of the year awards. They were: • Professional Volunteer of the Year: Jennifer Hurd • Board Member Volunteer of the Year: Ken Bostick • Rookie Volunteer of the Year: Sheila Gilmore • Non-Clinical Volunteer of the Year: Pat Black • Teen Volunteer of the Year: Jonathan Glaze • Special Events Volunteer of the Year: Nyla Wilkes • Patient Care Volunteer of the Year: Janet Donick.

Our last award is a special award created in honor of one of our former volunteers, Mrs. Mary Heavner. Mrs. Heavner was an amazing volunteer who worked closely with us for years in various roles from organizer of the bake sale at our barbeques, helping with children's grief camp, making patient care visits, to her last big project with us when she started birthday bags for our patients. Mrs. Mary was always someone whose name came up each year when discussing our Volunteer of the Year awards, so we developed this award in her honor and she was proud to be able to present it to volunteers that followed in her footsteps and now we are honored to continue to present it in her memory.

Our 2023 Mary Heavner Volunteer of the Year: Linda Compton We are so thankful to the following businesses and individuals that make it possible for us to provide this special night for our volunteers: • Outreach for Jesus Church who is always so accommodating and welcoming as they open up their facility for our event. • Neal Watkins for being our guest speaker. He has been with us from the very beginning and is always such an inspiration to be around! • Tammy Stewart for presenting on beekeeping. • We the Yarboroughs for providing musical entertainment. • James Mims Photography for providing their services to capture the moments of the evening • Misty Crouch for donating her delicious desserts. • The planning committee lead by Lisa Luckey, for their hard work putting on another amazing banquet for our volunteers. • And, last but certainly not least: a HUGE thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers.

Each one of you, like bees, has different roles to play, but we could not provide the services we do without every one of you! If you are interested in giving your time, talents, or treasures to Richmond County Hospice as a Volunteer, please contact Lisa Luckey, Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator at 910-997-4464





***Creativity
Coordinator, Nic
Wilkes was a
“Busy Bee”
creating a garden
party atmosphere
that really brought
the theme to life!***



As the guests arrive





Such a good time had by all....



*Some of the many faces of
our team.*





Light of Life Memorial Service

Our Bereavement program offers support in various forms for those that are grieving.

One special service that we offer bi-annually is our Light of Life Memorial Service.

On Tuesday, May 16th, Richmond County Hospice hosted spring Light of Life Memorial service at Outreach for Jesus Church in Hamlet. The evening was a time of reflection for our patients' families as they continue on their grief journey. We are grateful for all of those who helped to make this a meaningful program for everyone in attendance. A special thank you to Linda Hatcher, Pastor Marvin Taylor, Kinnley Micklem, and the Outreach for Jesus congregation for their part in making this night a memorable occasion.





FOREVER TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY SERVICE

Richmond County Hospice, Inc. invites the communities of Richmond and Anson Counties to share in the beauty of the holiday while celebrating the memory of their loved ones.

Richmond County Hospice will host the Richmond County Forever Tree Lighting Ceremony Service on Thursday, November 30th, 2023 at 6pm to 8:00pm at the office's front lawn - 1119 U.S. Highway #1 N, Rockingham, NC.

Anson Community Hospice, our agency located in Anson Co., will sponsor the Anson County Forever Tree Lighting Ceremony Service on Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 at 6pm to 8:00pm - Leavitt Funeral Home will host the special service in their chapel located on 2036 Morven Road, Wadesboro, NC.

Our Forever Tree lightings give families the opportunity to remember or to honor a loved one by making a \$10 donation for a Forever Tree ornament. A beautiful, personalized ornament will be designated for the loved one on the Forever Tree.

The Forever Tree Lightings are open to members of the community. Please join us this holiday season in honoring and remembering our beloved family members and friends.

HAPPY NURSE'S WEEK

Hospice Haven is our Inpatient Facility for our acutely ill patients. It also serves as a place for our patients to come so that their caregiver can receive a little time to themselves. Half of our patients come to get treatment or a Respite stay, and then they go back home. The other half come here to transition on to their Heavenly home. Care during these times is greatly dependent on our nurses and aides. Regardless of the outcome, it is sometimes difficult for patients and families to accept the need for the Haven. Once here, their anxiety melts away due to the compassionate care and open arms that they receive from our staff.

At Hospice Haven, we have 4 full time RNs (including the Director of Inpatient care), 2 full time LPNs, 2 part time RN's, and 3 PRN RNs. A RN is always on duty around the clock. They manage our patient's care while at the Haven. There are 6 full time NAs. Their title at the Haven is Patient Care Technician. From daily bathing to providing a home cooked meal to our patients, our PCTs are on top of it. Our nurses and aides provide exceptional care for our patients and their families. They pride themselves in maintaining and managing our patient's comfort as well as easing the family's worry. They provide clinical care as well as being a listening ear or a shoulder to lean on. They like to take the extra steps to "wow" all our guests. They have worked very hard during the pandemic, as well taking care of COVID patients. It takes a lot of compassion and understanding to work in this field. It has been very demanding and stressful the past few years. All of the nurses and aides across our entire company encompass these qualities. We have the best team anyone could ask for! Not only do we show appreciation for our nurses and aides during their National appreciation weeks, Nurse's May 6-12, 2023 and Aide's June 15-21, 2023, but year round with special thanks in November for Hospice month.

Thanks to all of our nurses and aides for your compassionate care and diligent work!!! Thank you for working as a TEAM to make sure our patients, their families and friends, and any other guest still receives the ultimate Haven experience. You all are absolutely AMAZING!!!



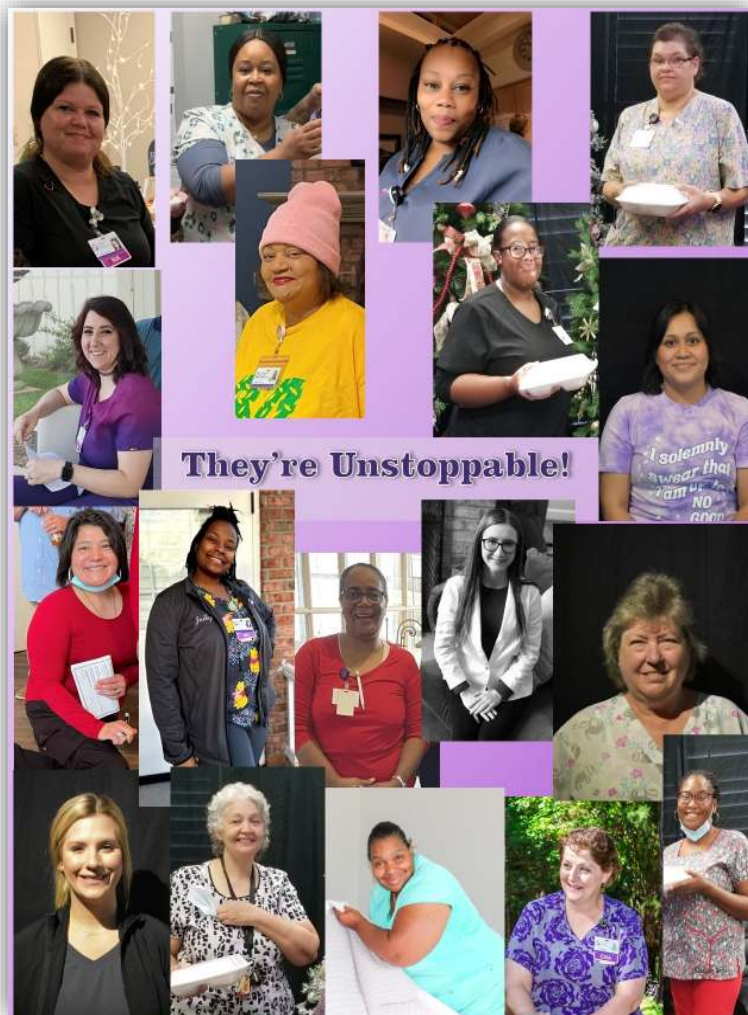
HAPPY NURSE'S WEEK

Hospice Care involves a team approach. Our nurses and hospice aides play a vital role in providing care for our patients and families. Dignity, respect, comfort, and quality are the foundations of our mission here at Richmond County Hospice. Hospice nurses and aides provide care not only for the patient, but also for the family, addressing physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs during the most vulnerable point in their lives.

Our nurses and aides provide routine, scheduled visits each week, which usually last an hour or more. They are also available to make unscheduled visits as needed to manage symptoms or provide additional support. The work of a Hospice nurse or Hospice Aide varies from day to day, depending on the needs of the patient and family. In addition to their routine medical tasks, they are also educators, providing ongoing care instructions throughout the patient's course of care. They are counselors and mediators between patients and families. They meet spiritual needs by praying with the patient and family if they are asked to. They provide companionship by reading to patients or just listening as the patient tells stories of his or her life.

Caring for patients at the end of life can be unpredictable and exhausting for the patients and caregivers. It is often a relief to the patient and family to have someone who can anticipate their needs and provide comfort. A visit by the nurse or hospice aide may be the highlight of the day for a patient who is no longer able to get out of bed, or for the caregiver who has not left the house or seen anyone else for several days.

Richmond County Hospice is proud to acknowledge that our nurses and aides provide compassionate, quality, end of life care to our patients and families. We are so thankful for our dedicated nurses and aides and appreciate the important work they do!



Welcome our new staff!

INTRODUCING THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM!

Bonnie N. Entwistle, RN, BSN (PRN Hospice Haven)



Patricia L. Black, RN (On Call Nurse)



**Thank you for being
part of our team**

WE OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Thank you for your dedication and service to our mission



My name is Alexys Freeland. I am the new social work intern at Hospice Haven. I am working toward my MSW at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. I graduated in December of 2021 with my bachelor's degree in Exercise Physiology. Once I graduate, I will obtain my clinical and substance abuse license.

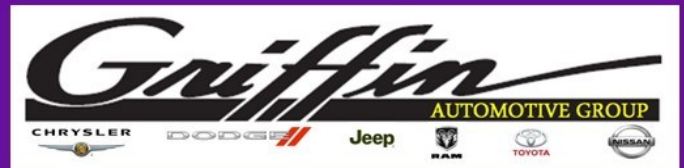
I plan on providing counseling to active-duty service members and veterans, and my long-term goal is to work on a military base in Germany. I have enjoyed my time at Hospice Haven so far! I look forward to learning more and building new relationships.



The Ross Family



The Moree Family



Thank you to our amazing
Taste of the Sandhills Showcasing
Dancing with the Stars sponsors!



Mabry's Drug and Home Care Presents



This year's Taste of the Sandhills Showcasing Dancing with the Stars fundraiser presented by Mabry's Drug and Home Care benefiting Richmond County Hospice will take place on Saturday September 23rd.

Taste of the Sandhills entry will begin at 6:00pm with entry for Dancing with the Stars starting at 7:00pm. Tickets are available for \$60 that include both the Taste of the Sandhills and the Dancing with the Stars competition and \$40 tickets that are on the main level of the auditorium floor or \$30 tickets that are in the Mezzanine both the \$30 and \$40 tickets are for the Dancing with the Stars competition only. Tickets went on sale July 1st on the Eventbrite website or by calling the Richmond County Hospice office at 910-997-4464 Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.

Some of our Committed Dancing Duos



**Teddy Moseley
& Andrea Kinsey**



**Charity
Davis
&
Nikki
Fletcher**



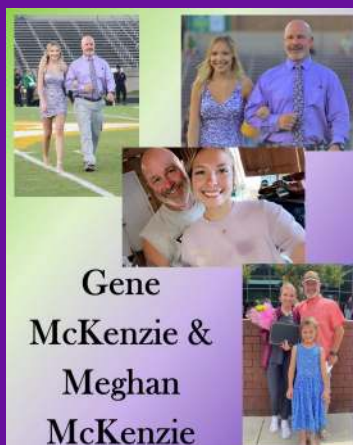
**Kim Sharpe &
Valerie McQueen**



**Angela
Lamont &
Tiffany
Starbird**



**Dane Cipriani
& Vickie Mathis**



**Gene
McKenzie &
Meghan
McKenzie**



**Jeremiah Stewart
& Kennedy
Henry**

Mistletoe Gallery

Pictures from 2022 Event

