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Richmond County Hospice, Hospice Haven & Anson Community Hospice



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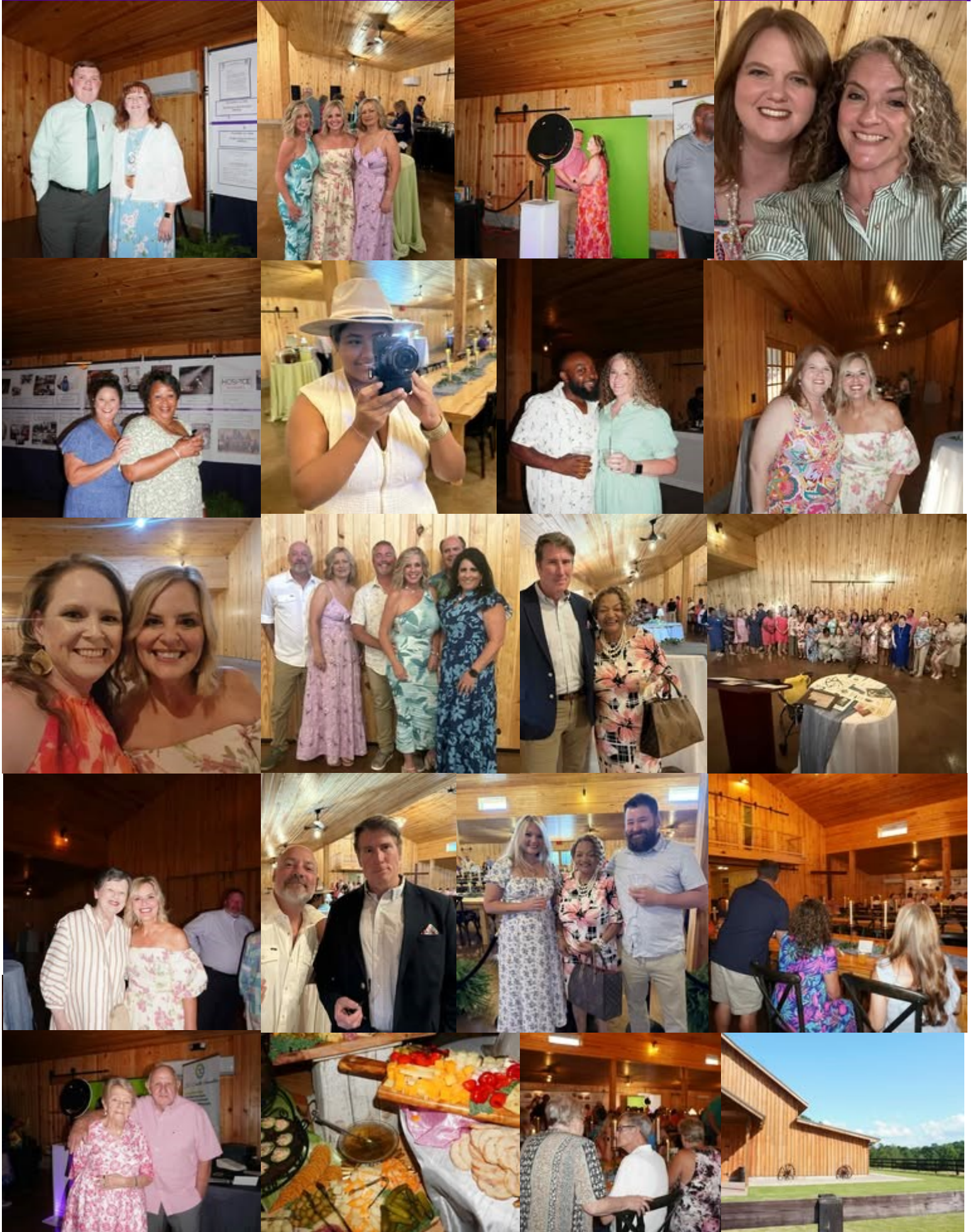
All of our volunteers who are part of our Richmond County Hospice Family. Their gift of time and dedication makes our organization the best "Home Town Hospice" around!



40th Anniversary Celebration

On Friday, June 20, 2025, Richmond County Hospice celebrated our 40th anniversary with many of our community friends/supporters, current and former employees and current and former volunteers at Grant Gables in Ellerbe. The venue decorations for the evening included a large timeline of the past 40 years. Other highlights of the evening included guest speakers Carole M. Venable, the first employee hired for Richmond County Hospice; Neal Watkins, long-term hospice supporter that includes being a member of the first hospice Board of Directors, Interim Executive Director, and current member of our Board of Directors; and Kristina Leyden, CEO of Richmond County Hospice. Carole spoke on the formative years and the importance of the local hospice being developed for the entire county not just one area or municipality as well as the work that went into the development of the processes, programs, and budgets, and finding people with talents that were willing to use them to help get the hospice program started since in the beginning most everything was made possible by volunteers! She also spoke about many of the beginning fundraisers, and working with members of the North Carolina hospice association as they helped to get our community-based non-profit hospice organization up and running. Neal spoke about the importance of having good volunteers and staff in order to have a good hospice organization and how thankful he was that Richmond County Hospice had been blessed with both through the years. Kristina was the last of the speakers to talk and she thanked those in attendance for their support over the years that has allowed Richmond County Hospice to remain an independent, non-profit hospice and pointed out that currently non-profit hospices make up about 25% of hospice agencies in contrast to 100% non-profit hospices when hospice care began in the United States. In addition to the timeline and speakers, guests also enjoyed dinner, dancing, and drinks. We appreciate all of those who came out to celebrate this milestone for hospice care in Richmond County.





Each year, April 1st through April 30th is recognized as **National Volunteer Month**. This is a time set aside to recognize and celebrate the contributions that volunteers provide to their communities. Here at Richmond County Hospice, we are truly blessed with some of the best volunteers around, and we appreciate each one of them more than we could ever express!

On Thursday, April 10th, we held our annual volunteer appreciation banquet at Outreach for Jesus Church and the theme of the evening was "We'd be Mad Without Our Volunteers" with a whole Alice in Wonderland atmosphere. Volunteers and their guests enjoyed a charcuterie spread and tea party style foods including a variety of sandwiches/salads prepared by Hidden Treasures. At each place setting volunteers received a bag of Alice in Wonderland themed cookies baked by Rochelle Martinez. Guests were welcomed to the celebration by Kristina Leyden and then the meal was blessed by Ken Lyerly. While our volunteers enjoyed their dinner, they were treated to dinner music provided by Alex and John Patrick Hutchinson who played a variety of Ragtime music. After dinner the program continued with an Alice in Wonderland skit carried out by Arturo DeAguilar, Breanna Allen, Hayley Plyler, Jessica Mims, Nia Jones, Nic Wilkes, and several members of the audience pulled to stage to clean up the Mad Hatters mess and help prepare the banquet table for a very special guest. As the event continued, Dathan Bodie, RCH volunteer, was our guest speaker, then Lisa Luckey recognized our volunteers giving over 40 hours in 2024, and Lisa Luckey, Jessica Mims, and Julie Woody presented several special volunteer awards, followed by a moment of silence and closing prayer from Jessica Mims.

Volunteers giving more than 40 hours of their time in 2024 recognized for their service included:

- *Nancy Boling
- *Linda Compton
- *Janet Donick
- *Chidi Florence
- *Jonathan Glaze
- *Linda Hatcher
- *Anita Jacobs
- *Myra Leak
- *Ken Lyerly
- *Emily Wescott



Other individual volunteer of the year awards were presented to the following:

- *Rookie Volunteer of the Year- Was Presented Posthumously to Earnest Strickland Present to accept the award in his honor were two of his sons Earnest, Jr. and Ricky
- *Non-Clinical Volunteer of the Year- Anita Jacobs
- *Patient Care Volunteer of the Year- Dathan Bodie
- *Special Events Volunteer of the Year- RSHS JROTC
- *Bereavement Volunteer of the Year- Linda Hatcher
- *Professional Volunteer of the Year- Chidi Florence
- *Board Member Volunteer of the Year- Chuck Cobb
- *Church Volunteer of the Year- Cornerstone 7th Day Adventist Church
- *Our 2025 Mary Heavner Volunteer of the Year- Ken Lyerly



In addition to all of those mentioned above we would also like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their contributions to making our Volunteer Banquet another successful event:

- *Outreach for Jesus for the use of their space for our event. They always go above and beyond to make our volunteers and staff feel welcome. They help with getting tables, chairs, and décor set up in the days leading up to the event and stay once the event is over and help us break down and clean up the venue. We could never thank them enough for all that they do.
- *Lisa Luckey, Linda Russell, and all of the Volunteer Banquet Planning Committee for their hard work to make the evening such a special time for our volunteers.
- *James Mims for taking pictures of the night's event.
- *And of course, a "Very Merry Thank You" to all of our amazing volunteers for all that they do day in and day out for our patients, their families, and our staff, you guys certainly keep us sane and keep us from going mad, with all you do to help out!

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.





Faith Fellowship

Our “Faith Fellowship” group may have been small, but the living Lord was present and the love for others was great! Thank you to those that were able to join us for our quarterly ministry to faith leaders yesterday and we missed those that were unable to attend.

The gathering included beautiful music provided by musician Kayleen Marie Roussin. Kayleen is an accomplished musician originally from Joliet, Illinois, who is now the music and choir director at Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, and she will be performing at Carnegie Hall in New York City with Cumberland Choral Arts this summer.

Paula Daigle, Richmond County Hospice Chaplain provided the devotional and lectio divina focusing on the living God.

This quarterly gathering is designed to provide an opportunity for the various leaders of the faith community to come together and be poured back into as our Chaplain Paula Daigle, organizes a time of worship and reflection.

All pastors, ministers, preachers, bishops, elders, deacons, Sunday School leaders, Men of the Church leaders, Women of the Church leaders, Youth leaders, Music Ministry leaders, or any other leaders in the faith community are invited to attend.





Wishing WELL

Richmond County Hospice social work intern, DaNasia Brewer, in collaboration with her supervisor, Shannon Huff, successfully organized and conducted a

fundraiser in support of the agency's Wishing Well Program. This special initiative enables Richmond County Hospice to fulfill the final wishes of terminally ill patients, creating meaningful experiences that enhance their quality of life beyond what medical care alone can offer. At Richmond County Hospice, we are deeply committed to not only providing compassionate end-of-life care but also to making dreams come true for the individuals and families we serve.

The fundraising event featured a hot plate sale, which included two hot dogs, a dessert, a bag of chips, and a variety of condiments such as slaw, chili, onions, ketchup, and mustard. To bring this vision to life, Richmond County Hospice reached out to several local businesses for support. We are sincerely grateful to the following establishments for their generous donations:

- The Grille kindly donated 400 hot dogs and mustard.
- Captain D's contributed a supply of slaw.
- Caleb's Place donated chili.
- Chick-fil-A provided ketchup packets.

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of our local businesses, the enthusiastic support from the community, and the dedicated contributions of Richmond County Hospice staff, the fundraiser was a resounding success. Our team not only helped with donations but also played an essential role in planning, preparing, and assisting during the event. Their hard work and commitment were key in ensuring everything ran smoothly. Richmond County Hospice proudly achieved its fundraising goal, raising a total of \$1,250 to support the Wishing Well Program.

We are incredibly grateful for the collaboration, kindness, and team spirit that made this event possible. Every dollar raised will help us continue to bring comfort, joy, and cherished memories to our patients and their families during one of the most meaningful times of their lives.

Social work intern DaNasia Brewer expressed her sincere appreciation to the Richmond County Hospice staff for their support in making the fundraiser a success. She shared how grateful she was for the staff's willingness to assist with preparations, donations, and event coordination. DaNasia also reflected on her time with Richmond County Hospice over the past few months, noting how much she has valued the opportunity to learn and grow within such a supportive and compassionate environment. She is deeply appreciative of the knowledge, skills, and experiences she has gained during her internship and the lasting impact they will have on her future in social work.



NANCY'S RETIREMENT DINNER



Richmond County Hospice celebrated the “retirement” of one of our volunteers who started volunteering with us in the mid 90s. For the last several years she has done most of her volunteering at Hospice Haven, visiting with patients and families as well as helping the staff there. Over these last few years she has volunteered over 300 hours each year.

She is a soft voice, a reassuring/kind word, thoughtful gesture, and calm presence that we are going to miss tremendously.

Thank you Mrs. Nancy Boling for your years of dedication and service to Richmond County Hospice, our patients, their families, and our staff!

We hope you enjoy some well deserved rest, relaxation, and travel!



LIGHT OF LIFE MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Thursday, May 15th, Richmond County Hospice hosted our bi-annual Light of Life Memorial service at Cartledge Creek Baptist Church. The evening is designed for our patients' families to have a chance to remember their loved one as they continue through their grief journey. We appreciate all of those who helped make this program meaningful for everyone in attendance.

A special thank you to Linda Hatcher for the prelude music, Pastor Jason Lutz for sharing words of encouragement, James and Jessica Mims for their special music, and the congregation of Cartledge Creek Baptist church for all that they did to make the service special. Following the service, those in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Rick's Catering of Laurinburg as a time of fellowship. We hope that all who attended left feeling encouraged.



Team Building

On May 8th our staff participated in a customer service team building activity during our quarterly staff meeting. Flynnne Meares was the guest speaker. She first asked the staff to select words that they felt described our hospice team and had each team give two example. She then encouraged staff to stay focused on our mission and values, and reminded us of the importance of compassion and patient centered care. After that, the staff was divided into teams to work together to solve a multilevel mystery puzzle game. It was a great opportunity to work together as a team and to remind us all why we do what we do!



Dancer Meet and Greet

Tuesday, May 20th several of our dancing duos gathered at the hospice office to get information about dancing in our Taste of the Sandhills Showcasing Dancing with the Stars fundraiser. While there they practiced a few dance moves with Sharon Nichols. We can't wait to see them perform on September 20th!



Dancing with the Stars– Dancing Duos

So far we have eight dancing duos committed to participating in our Taste of the Sandhills Showcasing Dancing with the Stars fundraiser this year. Six are pictured below, not pictured are Katie Blackman and Landen Carfaro and Ashley and Michael Shepherd. We appreciate their commitment to this event and can't wait to see all of them dance Saturday, September 20th.

Ryan Patterson and Carlie Patterson



Jessica Edwards Davis, Luke, and Eva Laine Davis



Ernie and Beth Shepard



Mike and Crystal Hall



Harold Tedder and Cali Bullard



Creeta Marshall and Ciarra Gould



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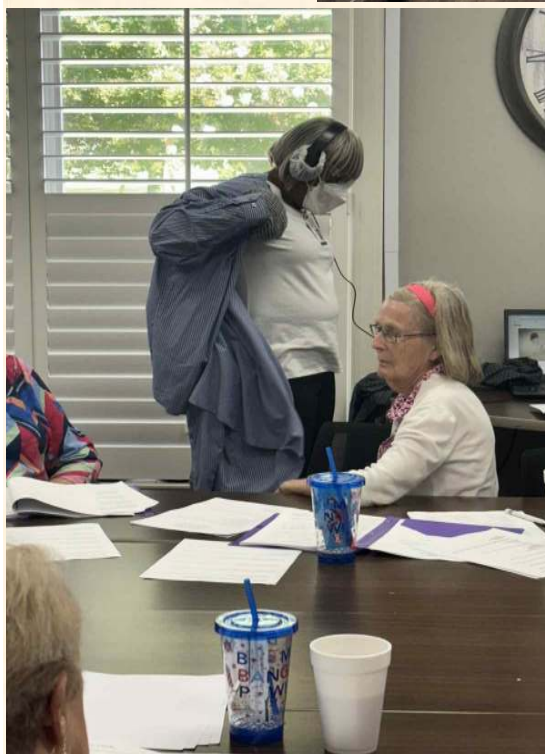
On Tuesday, June 24th we welcomed several of our volunteers to our office for our annual volunteer skills fair and lunch. This is a time for our volunteers to review the required annual continuing education, review policies, procedures, and hospice services.

This year we welcomed Amanda Kempen from the [Hamlet Senior Center](#) who did a presentation on aging and dementia that was an immersive experience that showed our volunteers some of the difficulties that those with decreased cognitive functioning experience.

The day also gives the volunteers a time to interact and socialize with each other.

We appreciate very much the dedicated volunteers.

If you or someone you know may be interested in joining our volunteer team, please reach out to Lisa Luckey, Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator at 910-997-4464.





On June 26th our Richmond County Hospice team was honored to sponsor breakfast and serve veterans in our community at the Richmond County Aging Services Veterans' Breakfast at The Cole Auditorium. Thank you to The Grille for catering.



The Heart of Hospice Care: A Tribute to Our Nurses and Aides



At Richmond County Hospice, we believe that quality hospice care is a team effort. Central to our mission are the compassionate nurses and hospice aides who offer exceptional care to our patients and their families. With dignity, respect, comfort, and a commitment to quality, these professionals are the cornerstone of the care we provide.

Hospice care goes beyond treating the patient—it involves caring for the whole family during a vulnerable time. Our nurses and aides not only address physical needs, but also provide emotional, psychological, and spiritual support, helping families navigate this challenging journey. Whether it's through routine weekly visits, or unscheduled visits when symptoms need to be managed or additional support is required, our team is there every step of the way.

The role of a hospice nurse or aide is dynamic and evolves daily based on the needs of the patient and their loved ones. They're healthcare providers, but they're also educators, offering clear, ongoing instructions for care. As counselors and mediators, they help navigate the often complex emotions and dynamics within families. For those who seek spiritual comfort, they provide prayer and support, or simply offer a comforting presence. Whether reading to patients or listening as they share cherished memories, these professionals provide much-needed companionship.

End-of-life care can be unpredictable, and it takes a special kind of person to be able to anticipate the needs of both patient and family. For many patients, a visit from their nurse or aide may be the highlight of their day—a moment of comfort when they can no longer leave their bed, or a ray of hope for a caregiver who hasn't had a break or interaction with others in days. The support our team provides can make all the difference in reducing stress and bringing peace during a difficult time.

Richmond County Hospice is proud to recognize the invaluable contributions of our nurses and aides. Their compassion, skill, and dedication ensure that our patients receive the best possible end-of-life care. We are deeply grateful for their unwavering commitment and the vital role they play in our mission.

We Welcome Our New Intern/Volunteer

CAYLA HARDESTY



Cayla Hardesty is from Troy, in Montgomery County, but resides in Ellerbe with her husband, David, and their two children. Cayla is a graduate from Stanly Community College in Albemarle with an Associate of Arts degree in 2019. In 2022, Cayla graduated from UNC Pembroke with her Sociology degree. Returning to UNC Pembroke in 2024, Cayla is in her fourth semester of the Master's in Social Work program. Cayla is interning with RCH this year until graduation in May 2026.



Legacy Catering & Food Truck Services - 567 Airport Road, Rockingham, NC 28379 - (910) 817-5020



Some our Staff at Richmond County Hospice enjoys supporting our local restaurants and especially all of the good food!!



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121 E. Wade St. Suite 101
Wadesboro, NC 28170
(704) 694-2206



Bella Italy Restaurant
107 W. Broad Avenue
Rockingham, NC 28379
(910) 997-9727



Tropical Smoothie Café
1305 E. Broad Avenue, Suite 20,
Rockingham, NC 28379
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Ansonia Soup Company at the Rock
228 East Washington Street - Rockingham, NC 28379 - (910) 434-8055



Richmond CC Café / Hamlet Campus
1042 W. Hamlet Avenue - Hamlet, NC
(910) 410-1700



El Chaplin 2 Restaurant
106 W South Street, Aberdeen, NC 28315
(910) 637-0049

What's Happening

Some of our staff members of Richmond County Hospice joined the Alzheimer's Awareness event at Richmond Community College Cole Auditorium that was held on Tuesday, June 17th from 2pm-5pm. The focus of the event is on "Bridging the Gap: Healthy Living for All". This opportunity is being brought to the members of our community thanks to the Alzheimer's Association, the Hamlet Senior Center, the East Rockingham Senior Center, and the Richmond County Aging Services.



Thank you to our amazing community for your trust and support. This recognition means the world to our team, and we remain committed to providing compassionate, dignified care every day. We are honored and humbled to have received The Richmond County Daily Journal's 2025 Readers' Choice Best of the Best Award for Home Care & Hospice! 🏆💙

Thank you Abby and Ava for bringing by this gracious donation from First Baptist Church of Hamlet. We greatly appreciate you all thinking of us.



We want to take this opportunity to thank the Rockingham Rotary Club for their charitable donation to Richmond County Hospice. The money presented to all of these recipients pictured came from money raised during their BBQ and ticket sales last fall. We greatly appreciate the Rockingham Rotary and all of those who supported their fundraiser to make these donations possible.



We were able to catch a few pictures of some of our staff enjoying the pizza from Watson-King Funeral Homes. Thank you for honoring our staff during Nurses' Week.





“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. “
Matthew 11:28-30

Our culture is fast paced. Hospice work is fast paced as well. What one intends to do often gets waylaid by what one must do. The season of summer often offers an opportunity to get away and to rest and reflect. I can sit in nature and reflect and rest endlessly. It could be the beach, the mountains, or in my back yard with the goats endlessly chewing on leaves and grass that needs mown. Matthew 11 offers us the invitation to rest with our hearts and thoughts meditating on Christ and the word of God. We are offered rest for our souls as well as rest for our physical bodies.

I am fascinated by Jesus telling his disciples he needs a minute. He sleeps in his boat during a storm which is a demonstration of his trust during a crisis.

In the book of John, he takes a minute to sit by the well in Samaria in order to both physically refresh and mentally rest. He encourages his disciples in the book of Mark to come apart and rest for a while.

This summer let's take the example of Christ and his disciples. Let's rest and reflect on the love, goodness, and wisdom of Christ and the Scriptures. Let's call upon the Holy Spirit and ask for guidance. Let's rest in the knowledge of Christ.

“Our hearts are restless until they rest in you.” Augustine

Paula Daigle, Chaplain



We're Honored to Be Among the Nation's Best Hospices – And It's All Thanks to You

We're incredibly proud to share some exciting news with our community: **Richmond County Hospice has received the 2025 Hospice Honors ELITE award**, one of the most prestigious recognitions a hospice can earn nationwide.

This award is more than just a title. It reflects the voices of families who have experienced our care first-hand, through detailed caregiver surveys that measure compassion, communication, and support during life's most difficult moments. Out of **over 5,500 hospices across the U.S.**, only **53 were named Hospice Honors ELITE** this year — and **we're one of them.**

To put this achievement in perspective:

- More than **4,058 hospices** use the MatrixCare survey system to track caregiver satisfaction.
- Only **268 hospices** nationwide received any level of Hospice Honors.
- Just **53** were honored with the **ELITE** designation, placing us in the **top 1.3%** of hospices across the country.

Here in North Carolina, there are **82 hospice agencies**. This year, only **5 were named Hospice Honors ELITE** — and **we are proud to be one of them.**

Even though we continuously review the hospice honors award throughout the last 10 years. What makes this year even more meaningful is that it's the **first time we've received the ELITE honors award**. For our team, it represents not just years of hard work, but a renewed commitment to excellence in every visit, every phone call, and every moment we share with patients and families.

We couldn't have done this without the support of our community — and we mean that. Your trust, your referrals, your kind words, and your belief in our mission have helped us grow into one of the **top 5 hospices in the entire state.**

From all of us at here at Richmond County Hospice, **thank you** for allowing us to walk with you, care for your loved ones, and serve this incredible community. We are honored — and humbled — to be part of your lives.

With gratitude,

Kristina

Kristina Leyden, MSW, LCSW
Chief Executive Officer

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

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 - 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 at (910) 997- 4464 or Ext. (910) 817-2757 or Ms. Nia Jones, Bereavement Social Worker - Ext (910) 817-2752.

Dates for 2025: August- 2nd, Sept- 6th, Oct-4th, Nov-1st, Dec-6th: Refreshments served and no cost to attend.

September 20, 2025: **Taste of the Sandhills/Dancing with the Stars: Theme: "Treasure the Night"** will be held at the Cole Auditorium-1042 West Hamlet Avenue, Hamlet, North Carolina beginning at 3:00 pm until 11:30 pm.

October 23, 2025: **Candy Cavalcade** held at Richmond County Hospice-1119 US Hwy 1 N, Rockingham, NC beginning at 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

November 7, 2025: **Salute to Veterans**: held at Richmond County Hospice—1119 Hwy 1 N, Rockingham, North Carolina beginning at registration 10:30 and event at 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

November 13, 2025: **Light of Life (Fall)** Marketing and Outreach Event beginning at 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Time and place (TBA).

November 16, 2025: **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 to participate. Please contact Paula Daigle at (910) 997-4464.

December 2, 2025: **Anson County Forever Tree** will be held at Leavitt Funeral Home, - 2036 Morven Road (PO Box 274), Wadesboro, NC beginning at 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Marketing and Outreach Event.

December 9, 2025: **Richmond County Hospice Forever Tree** will be held -1119 US Hwy 1 - Rockingham, North Carolina beginning at 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Marketing and Outreach Event.

December 20, 2025: **Wreaths Across America** held at Anson Memorial Park, Inc. - 1736 Morven Road, Wadesboro, NC beginning at 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm.

SUPPORTING COMPASSION:

Why Donating to Your Local Non-Profit Hospice Matters

When someone you love is facing the final chapter of life, compassionate care makes all the difference. At Richmond County Hospice, we provide comfort, dignity, and support to patients and their families, regardless of their financial situation. There is a large gap between reimbursed costs and the actual cost of hospice care. As a non-profit hospice provider, we rely on community donations to help us fill this gap and our mission — and every dollar truly counts.

The Power of Community Giving



Unlike for-profit hospices, non-profit hospices like ours reinvest every dollar back into care, staff training, outreach, and patient support. Your donation stays local, helping neighbors, friends, and families right here in Richmond County.

What Your Donation Provides

Every contribution helps sustain our promise to deliver quality end-of-life care. Here's what your gift can do:

- **\$25** – Provides personal care items for a patient.
- **\$50** – Covers the cost of bereavement support for a grieving family or one grief support group.
- **\$100** – Supplies a week's worth of medical equipment (such as oxygen or hospital beds) for home patients.
- **\$200+** - Assists us in providing additional items: recliner chairs, fumigation, other supplies needed to maintain comfort in the home.
- **\$250+** - Helps cover the costs of outreach events: Salute to Veterans, The Forever Tree, Wishing Well, Final Salute, Children's Grief Camp, Light of Life Memorial Ceremony, Hospice Sabbath, Volunteer Awards Banquet, and Life in Review Memory Books.
- **\$500** – Covers one month of medication and pain management for an uninsured patient.
- **\$1,000+** – Helps fund our community outreach programs, caregiver training, and children's grief support services.
- **\$4,500** - Funds one month of hospice care for an uninsured patient

More Than a Donation — A Lifeline

Your support means no family walks this journey alone. Donations enable us to say “yes” when others might say “no,” ensuring every patient receives the dignity and care they deserve.



How You Can Help

You can make a one-time or recurring donation through our website, mail a check, or even donate in honor of a loved one. Local businesses and churches can also partner with us through sponsorships, volunteer drives, or fundraising events.

1. One-Time or Monthly Gift

Make a secure donation online or by mail. Monthly giving provides steady, reliable support all year.

- ◆ Give online: www.richmondcountyhospice.com
- ◆ Mail a check to: Richmond County Hospice, 1119 US Highway 1 North Rockingham, NC 28379

2. Memorial or Tribute Gifts or Building the Way (Bricks)

Honor a loved one's memory or celebrate a milestone (like a birthday or anniversary) with a gift that brings comfort to others.

- ◆ Include a note with your donation, and we'll notify the family or honoree.



3. Planned Giving / Bequests

Leave a legacy of care by including Richmond County Hospice in your will, trust, or estate plan.



4. United Way contribution to Richmond County Hospice as your preferred agency.



5. In-Kind Donations

Give new goods or services that directly help patients and families (e.g., personal care items, office supplies, snacks for Haven baskets).

◆ Call us at 910-997-4464 to see what's currently needed.



6. Sponsorships & Business Partnerships



Local businesses can sponsor events, fund a patient program, or contribute as part of their corporate giving.

Every gift, big or small, brings comfort and hope. Together, we can ensure that in Richmond County, no one faces the end of life without care, compassion, and community.

“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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