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

April 1st through April 30th is recognized as National Volunteer Month each year. The month is set aside as a time to honor and celebrate volunteers across the nation and the impact they have on individuals and agencies in their area. Richmond County Hospice is blessed with some of the most amazing volunteers around, and we don't know what we would do without them. There is really no way to truly express the appreciation we have for each one of them!

On Tuesday, April 14th, we held our annual volunteer appreciation banquet at **Outreach For Jesus**. This year's theme was "Our Volunteers Deserve a Vacation! Well at Least a Staycation" and the gym was transformed into a tropical oasis. Volunteers and their guests were encouraged to dress in their favorite Hawaiian shirts/dresses or as their best impersonation of a tacky tourist and join us for a luau in their honor.

This year our meal was sponsored by **Carter Funeral Home**, and we greatly appreciate their support for this event. For dinner, guests enjoyed a charcuterie spread and luau-ish foods prepared by Hidden Treasures.

Volunteers were each presented a lei as they entered and had an Oh!asis coconut patty, tiki cup and tiki straw at their place setting as a token of our appreciation for all that they do. Kristina Leyden, Richmond County Hospice, CEO welcomed guests to the celebration, and the meal was then blessed by Paula Daigle, RCH Chaplain. As guests enjoyed their meal, they were treated to some dining entertainment provided by the Aloha Island Hula Girls and of course no entertainment is complete without some audience participation, and we appreciate our volunteers and staff being good sports while learning some Hawaiian dances and competing for the "Big Kahuna". After the dinner entertainment our program continued with some inspiring and encouraging words about the importance of volunteers and the work that they do from Walt (and Randi) Wood. Lisa Luckey then recognized our volunteers giving over 40 hours of their time to RCH in 2025, and the evening concluded with Lisa Luckey, and Julie Woody presenting several special volunteer awards.

Volunteers recognized for generously donating more than 40 hours of their time in 2025 included:

Cayla Hardesty
Ken Lyerly
Da'Nasia Brewer
Anita Jacobs
Akeiba McNeely
Myra Leak
Janet Donick



Terri Wyman

Linda Hatcher

Volunteer of the year awards were presented to the following:

- *Rookie Volunteer of the Year- Darice Griffin
- *Non-Clinical Volunteer of the Year- Terri Wyman
- *Patient Care Volunteer of the Year- Randy Benton
- *Special Events Volunteer of the Year- Brannon Ikner
- *Professional Volunteer of the Year- Cayla Hardesty
- *Board Member Volunteer of the Year- Tammy Benson
- *Church Volunteer of the Year- **First Baptist Church of Hamlet**
- *Business Volunteer of the Year- **Farmers Home Furniture**
- *Our 2025 Mary Heavner Volunteer of the Year- Anita Jacobs

Once again, we want to thank all of our volunteers- each one of you do deserve a vacation for the work and dedication you provide to Richmond County Hospice, our patients, their families, and our staff. We hope that our brief "Staycation" helped you to feel loved and appreciated!

In addition to those participating in our program 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 and even stick around to help with the cleanup process! We could never thank them enough for all that they do.

*Carter Funeral Home for sponsoring the meal for the evening. Your support is greatly appreciated.

*Lisa Luckey, and the Volunteer Banquet Planning Committee, for their hard work to make the evening such a special time for our volunteers.

Cindy Bostick for taking pictures of the night's event.

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.



LIGHT OF LIFE MEMORIAL SERVICE



On Thursday, May 14th, Richmond County Hospice, Inc. hosted its bi-annual Light of Life Memorial Service at Roberdel Baptist Church. This meaningful service provides an opportunity for families to come together in remembrance and reflection of the lives of loved ones who have passed away.

The service offered a special time to honor cherished memories while finding comfort and support among others who share the journey of grief. Through music, reflection, and fellowship, attendees were reminded that the bonds of love and remembrance continue long after loss. Following the service, guests gathered for a meal prepared by Chasing Sunshine Catering. Hospice staff members had the privilege of serving the meal to connect and fellowship with the families.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all who helped make this service so meaningful. Special thanks to Cayla Hardesty for providing beautiful piano music, Pastor Phil Gobel for his inspiring message, Riqui'ta Quick for her moving musical selections, Mrs. Nancy Boiling for introducing the Unity Candle, and the members of Roberdel Baptist Church for their generous assistance in preparing the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Richmond County Hospice is honored to walk alongside families through their grief journey. It is our hope that those in attendance left feeling encouraged, supported, and comforted by the love, memories, and shared sense of community experienced throughout the evening.



FAITH FELLOWSHIP



Faith Fellowship is a monthly event honoring and supporting those in ministry in our community. Faith Fellowship is a ministry to ministers! Speakers from many faiths offer spiritual encouragement to those ministering to others. We meet each quarter on the last Tuesday of the month. This event begins at 10 am at the Richmond County Hospice administrative building. A light breakfast is served. Our next meeting is [Tuesday, October 27, 2026.](#) Please consider joining us for fellowship, food, and music!

Psalm 133:1: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"





This year America celebrates 250 years of being a nation. The founding of our nation began when Great Britain imposed “taxation without representation” and this led to the infamous Boston Tea Party. This brought about the Revolutionary War, which was started on April 19, 1775, and led up to the signing of the American Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

Of those signing the Declaration of Independence, 5 men were captured by the British during the war and imprisoned for treason. They were treated as POWs and were eventually released. Those captured were Richard Stockton of New Jersey, Thomas Heyward Jr., Edward Rutledge, and Arthur Middleton all of South Carolina, and George Walton of Georgia. For others that avoided personal capture they did endure the imprisonment of their family members. For example, Elizabeth Lewis of New York, wife of Francis Lewis, was captured and sent to a poorly kept prison camp and was forced to live in filth. While George Washington was able to negotiate her release, the impact upon her health was irreversible and she died shortly thereafter. Abraham Clark of New Jersey would learn that his two sons were taken by the British aboard a prison ship “Jersey.” Though the conditions were harsh as well, both survived the war.

On October 19, 1781, General Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown and ends major combat operations. The signing of the Treaty of Paris on September 3, 1783, officially marks the end of the war. This cemented America as a free nation no longer subject to Great Britain’s rule.

With this new nation came a vital document which we still honor today known as the Constitution of the United States of America. This document was drafted between the dates of May 25 – September 17, 1787. The official version became law when it was ratified on June 21, 1788. That following March of 1789 the new government began to operate under the guidance of this Constitution. This document was created by 55 delegates representing 12 of the original 13 states and they became known as the “Framers of the Constitution.”

At the heart of our nation’s founding is the notion of sacrifice. Sacrifice is defined as surrendering something you hold valuable or precious to help others, achieve a greater good, or honor a duty. These brave men and their family members knew what it was to selflessly sacrifice to achieve a much greater good. Had they been able to secure freedom for our nation without such sacrifice surely, they would have opted for that. However, sacrifice was required and they were willing to risk all to live in freedom.

Perhaps one of the best-known quotes from this era, attributed to Patrick Henry, is “give me liberty or give me death.” This sentiment rang true for our brave ancestors who were willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice to enjoy freedom. Benjamin Franklin put it more eloquently when he said “those who would give up essential liberty, to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety. These men relied heavily upon their faith, a fact demonstrated by the following quote by Thomas Jefferson, “the God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time.”

Many decades have passed since the events that took place to establish these great United States of America. Most of us live in a very comfortable America and are unable to grasp the full weight of the sacrifices of our Founders. The freedom we so easily take for granted must be treasured and appreciated. Former President Ronald Reagan said it best in 1961 when he said “freedom is a fragile thing and is never more than one generation away from extinction. It is not ours by inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation.”

May we never forget the cost of our freedoms. Many of those who fought to ensure our freedom paid for it in their blood. As we live each day, may we honor the lives of our Founders by living with gratitude for our Nation. As Americans, we will have different views and opposite opinions on many subjects. But the right to disagree is a freedom that we were granted by the sacrifices of our long-forgotten heroes. Regardless of political affiliation, socio-economic status, or religion, we are anchored by a single, shared reality: we are all AMERICANS! God bless this nation on her 250th Birthday and remember that freedom is NEVER free!

As we celebrate America 250, mark your calendars for our upcoming Veterans celebration. This year marks our 15th annual Salute to Veterans event. Save the date and join us as we recognize our great Veterans and pay tribute to them with this special celebration.

SAVE THE DATE

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



15TH ANNUAL SALUTE TO VETERANS EVENT

Friday, November 6, 2026

11:00 am~2:00pm

Richmond County Hospice

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PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 26th ~ 910-997-4464

(Lunch will be provided)

Celebrating Hospice Nurses & Hospice Aides Week

We proudly recognize and celebrate our incredible Hospice Nurses and Hospice Aides for the compassionate care, comfort, and support they provide to our patients and families each day.

Hospice care is more than a profession; it is calling. Our nurses and aides bring kindness, dignity, patience, and strength into the homes and lives of those we serve during some of life's most meaningful moments. Whether providing skilled care, offering emotional support, assisting with daily needs, or simply holding a hand and listening, your dedication makes a lasting difference.

To our Hospice Nurses:

Thank you for your clinical expertise, advocacy, compassion, and unwavering commitment to patient-centered care. Your ability to care for both patients and families with empathy and professionalism is truly appreciated.



To our Hospice Aides:

Thank you for the comfort, companionship, and personal care you provide so thoughtfully every day. Your gentle presence and dedication help bring dignity, peace, and reassurance to those in our care.



We are grateful for each of you and the important role you play in our hospice team. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and we are honored to celebrate you! Thank you for all that you do!

Dancer Meet and Greet 2026

Thursday evening, May 21st, we met with several of the individuals who are committed to participating in the dancing competition portion of our fundraiser this year. Not everyone could be there, but the ones who could attend seemed excited and eager to take on this year's event.

We cannot wait to see them all take the stage and are certain they will put on a great show again this year! Tickets went on sale on July 1st, so mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 19th!

You don't want to miss "Home for the Holidays– Two Extraordinary Events in One Unforgettable Evening", Sandhills Best Care Presents Taste of the Sandhills and Mabry's Home Care Presents Dancing with the Stars, a fundraiser benefiting: Richmond County Hospice, Inc!



*Cameron Wright
and Kylee Hairston*



*Todd and
Alissa
Scott*



*Jessica Robinson and
Kinleigh Robinson*



*Tatum Childers and
Meghan McKenzie*



*Bryan and Brigitte
Laney*



*Kimberly Parsons and
Jenna Carraway*



*Dan and Sunny
Maramonte*



*Terry Greer
and Trish
Black*



*Rodrigo
and Dana
Diaz*



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Duos Not Pictured: Robby Stewart and Kennedi Henry and Brock Callahan and Ava Chavis

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We were honored to provide the breakfast for the Richmond County Aging Services Veteran's Breakfast at the Redland Acres Venue. We always enjoy being able to give back to the men and women in our community who have selflessly given of themselves to protect the freedoms we enjoy.

Thank you for your service and we hope that you enjoyed the breakfast prepared by the Holiday Restaurant.





Welcome New Intern volunteer

Theresa McManus

After spending more than 30 years building a successful career in business and marketing,

I decided to follow a long-held passion for helping others by transitioning into the field of social work.

After relocating from Tennessee, I have called North Carolina home for the past five years and have enjoyed becoming part of the community.

I am currently pursuing my Master of Social Work degree at UNCP and look forward to graduating in May 2027.

My goal is to work in hospice care, where I can provide support, compassion, and advocacy for individuals and families during one of life's most important moments.



Welcome New Volunteer **Claudia Dwight**

Born and raised in Bartsow, Florida, my life was forever changed from that of a Florida cracker to a North Carolina Tarheel when in 1971, I married Francis Dwight and we started our life and our family in Ellerbe, North Carolina.

Together we built Fox Hollow Farms and raised Angus Cattle, Thoroughbred horses, and three children; Suzannah, Chip, And Christian. With a BA in speech and theatre from Brenau University, and M. Ed. From UNC Charlotte, for close to 30 years I taught for Richmond County Schools and later, Richmond Community College.

Richmond County Hospice entered the life of my family because of its help with the care of my son during his battle with leukemia, and later again, with my husband's own battle with cancer. The gentle care, advice, and encouragement of the nurses, doctors and aides of Richmond County Hospice was such a Godsend to us all in our most terrible time of need, and I was grateful when the opportunity presented itself to me to become a patient volunteer at the Hospice Haven. It is truly a refuge of hope and skilled gentle service when a patient and their family are most vulnerable, and I look forward to becoming a part of the Hospice Haven team.



Welcome New Spiritual On-call Volunteer

Robby Stewart

Hello! My Name is Robby Stewart and I am excited to become a part of the team at Richmond County Hospice.

I was born and raised in Richmond County, and I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as Chaplain with Hospice to the people of this county as a way of giving back to the community that has invested in me.

I am serving as the Pastor of Crestview Baptist Church in Rockingham and been doing so for 14 years. I have been in Pastoral Ministry for 23 years and have worked along side of Hospice on many occasions and greatly admire the service they have provided for many families in that period of time.

Now as a Chaplain I have the opportunity in helping families deal spiritually with palliative care and the challenges that accompany them during the end-of-life process they experience with their loved ones. I am married to my wife Vickie, now for nearly 35 years and have two children, Kennedy Henry along with her husband Jared, and Jeremiah , both of which live and serve in Richmond County.

I am looking forward to being a part of this great service to our community of which I believe is an extension of God's hand in grace, mercy, and healing to those in need during difficult times and decisions in life.



Welcome New Volunteer

Kaylee “Gracie” Dean

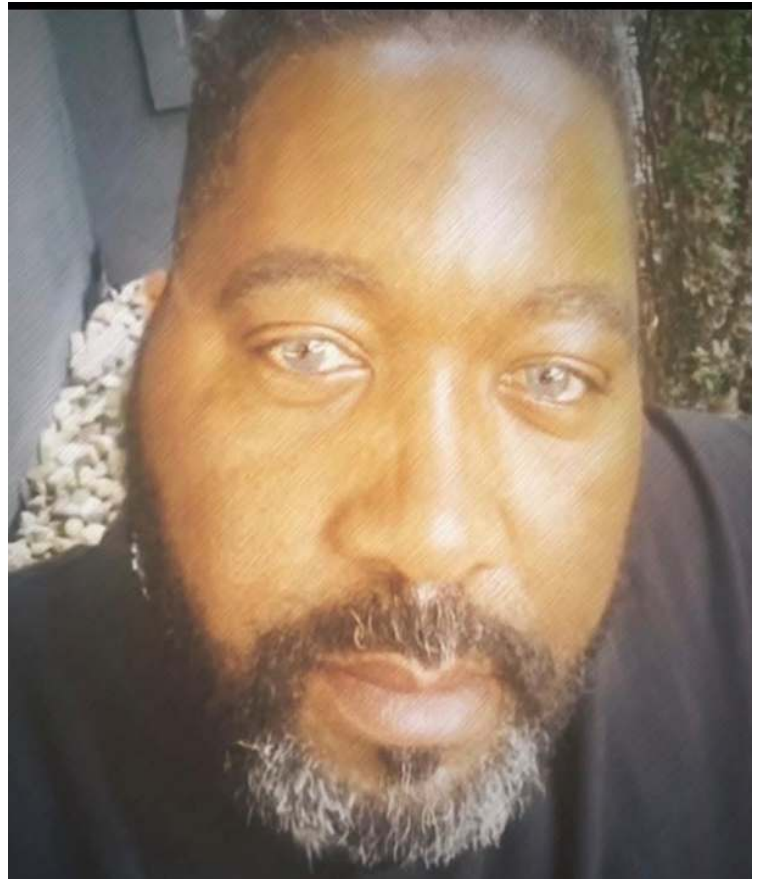
Hello I’m Kaylee “Gracie” Dean.

I was born and raised in Rockingham, NC. I'm currently a student in community college working on my associate in nursing. For fun I like to read and hang out with friends.

Welcome New Volunteer

Samuel Sanders

Samuel is a husband, friend, brother and son. He loves music and is a self taught pianist, organist, drummer and songwriter. He loves people and has been a deacon for the last 6 years.





Welcome New Volunteer

Libbie Parsons

Hi! My Name is Libbie and I am currently a student at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. My Major is communication studies with a minor in tourism, recreation, and sport. I am excited to begin volunteering so I can be there for not only the patients, but also their loved ones.

Welcome New Volunteer

Duane Burnette

I am recently retired, married to my lovely wife, Jane for 52 years this December. I enjoy keeping up our home and yard. I enjoy planting flowers and watching them grow and sitting on our deck watching the many birds that feed in our yard. I enjoy volunteering for Richmond County Hospice when I can.



Welcome our new staff!

INTRODUCING THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM!



Whitney McLaurin, Home Care Nurse

Hi, I'm Whitney McLaurin. I was born and raised in Richmond County and am proud to call this community home. My husband and I have been blessed with two wonderful children, ages 17 and 11. We also share our home with four four-legged family members—much to my husband's dismay! What can I say? I've never been able to say no to a stray animal in need.

I have been a registered nurse for 15 years and have dedicated my career to caring for others. I began my nursing journey at FirstHealth Richmond Memorial Hospital on the Medical-Surgical unit before transitioning to school nursing with Richmond County Schools, where I served students at both Richmond Senior High School and Fairview Heights Elementary School.

I am excited to begin a new chapter with Richmond County Hospice. In addition, I am continuing to advance my education by pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice-Family Nurse Practitioner (DNP-FNP) degree through Maryville University.

Richard (Ricky) Shelley, On Call Nurse

Hello! My name is Ricky Shelley, RN, BSN, and I am truly honored to be joining the Richmond County Hospice family. As a lifelong resident of Richmond County, it means so much to have the opportunity to care for patients and families in the community that has shaped me.

I have been a nurse for more than 20 years, with experience in emergency medicine, hospice, home health, and case management. Most recently, I completed a Master of Arts in Christian Practice at Duke Divinity School, where my studies focused on the connection between faith, healthcare, and caring for those facing serious illness. That journey only confirmed what I have long felt, that walking alongside patients and families during life's most sacred moments is a true calling.

My wife, Catherine, and I have been married for 17 wonderful years, and we are blessed with two amazing children, Ella and Rhett. Outside of work, you'll usually find us spending time together, enjoying the water, traveling, or serving at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Hamlet.

I am grateful to be part of the Richmond County Hospice team and look forward to getting to know the patients, families, and colleagues I have the privilege of serving. Thank you for welcoming me, I can't wait to begin this journey together.





Jessica Mims named Development Director of Richmond County Hospice

RCH launches campaign to fund kitchen updates

We have recently launched a new Development Department with Jessica Mims selected to serve as the Director of Development. Her new role focuses exclusively on fundraising, donors, and strategic grant planning and procurement. As part of this new endeavor, we have purchased donor software to aid us in the many nuances involved in this position.

A current priority is the “Culinary Comforts Haven Kitchen Remodel Campaign.” The kitchen is the heart of the home, and that is especially true for our Haven general inpatient unit. By preparing meals for patients at end of life, we help provide comfort through favorite dishes and recipes. These culinary offerings can evoke fond memories of home, family, and time spent together around the table. Our Haven kitchen needs to be remodeled to improve functionality and workflow and enable us to continue this very vital part of care.

But WE NEED YOUR HELP! We have been graciously awarded a \$10,000.00 grant by the Baxter Foundation to assist us with this project. To complete this goal, we need to secure \$50,000.00 more in funding. Every dollar raised makes a difference and goes toward our goal. For donors contributing \$1000.00 or more, your name will appear on our updated donor wall at the Haven as a lasting testament of your generosity. Updating our donor walls at all three locations (Haven, walking path, administrative building) is another project currently underway.

We are fortunate to have support from our awesome community, and we know that you will continue to help us carry out our mission. Please consider donating specifically to our kitchen campaign today. Your gift is tax deductible and will help us reach our goal. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have or assist with your donation. Contact Jessica Mims at (910) 997-4464 today. Your support makes a difference. Help us update the heart of our Haven and improve our kitchen facilities, allowing us to continue providing comfort one meal at a time!

While the Haven kitchen update is a priority, we also continue to welcome any donations you provide. Gifts designated in memory of loved ones are always a fitting way to honor their lives and these funds enable us to continue providing the highest quality care to our patients.

Legacy gifts are another option to consider that can provide support to Richmond County Hospice for years to come. Some examples include residual bequest (provides whatever money or property remains after an estate is settled) or naming us as the beneficiary on a life insurance policy.

Another option is a specific bequest which would designate a fixed dollar amount be awarded to us in a will. These are only a few of the many ways that your legacy can live on through charitable giving to support Richmond County Hospice.

We are grateful to support from our community, families, and all the businesses that help us as well. Area business owners are always willing to pitch in and offer support in the way of sponsorship for events or in-kind donations. These organizations never cease to amaze us with how willing they are to show their support. We are diligent to support local businesses when we can and give back to those that lend so much assistance to us.

No matter how you slice it, your support is instrumental in helping us maintain and providing longevity. We remain an INDEPENDENT, LOCAL not-for-profit hospice provider and it is due in large part to your ongoing support. It is our goal to serve our community today, tomorrow, and WELL into the future. Thank you for all that you do to support this goal.

Always remember, we want to be your hospice provider of choice. We were recently recognized as the best of the best through the Daily Journal, and we hope that we retain that distinction every year. If your physician recommends hospice for you or a family member, remember, you have a choice. Richmond County Hospice, Inc, a name you can trust.....ASK FOR US BY NAME!

For your convenience, you may use the QR code provided to donate directly to our Kitchen Campaign.





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What's Happening

TEAM BUILDING

Our Richmond County Hospice management team values our staff and we know that if co-workers share a connection/bond they work better together as a team. So, each year we divide all of our employees into 4 teams for a team-building exercise/outing to foster relationships between staff members that may not ordinarily get to work closely together. The members for each team are randomly selected, and each group is led by 2 members of our management team. So far this year, two of our teams have completed their team building day.

The first group led by Hollie Smith and Jessica Mims conducted their team building on Thursday, May 28 at The Christian Bookstore and Gift Shop by Bougie Believer-Tea Room. Jessica described their day below: The team was honored with a tasty lunch catered by Legacy Catering and Food Truck including chicken salad, pasta salad, fruit, and veggies. To round out the meal, dessert was brought in from Kool Kakes Bakery & Cafe, LLC. Chick-fil-A lemonade and tea offered refreshing satisfaction as a compliment to the delicacies. Our gracious hostesses, Michelle and Adrian, with the Christian Bookstore provided coffee and water and offered their crafting expertise to help us with our projects. If you are looking for a unique setting to host a small group, this space is certainly just the ticket. It offered a peaceful and quaint setting for some much-needed time of reflection and fellowship with coworkers. The beautiful and creative painted rocks and prayer boxes will be put to good use and will serve as a testament to teamwork. We hope everyone enjoyed this special time and we are thankful to all those that made it possible!



On June 4, the second group completed their team building and was led by Marvin Taylor and Julie Woody. This group enjoyed lunch at Chapman's Food & Spirits before heading to Wee Pines Mini Golf for some friendly putt-putt competition. Julie says the following about their team building day: Service and food at Chapman's was amazing and then we headed to Wee Pines where the hospitality was nothing short of amazing! The Wee Pines team was so friendly and made us feel welcome from the start. They had prizes for anyone making a hole in one, a prize for the winner on each of our 4 putt-putt teams and even came around about halfway through our round with water for us! This is certainly a hidden gem in our area and if you are looking for a fun outing with family and/or friends you should really check them out! Our team shared lots of laughs and even some singing and dancing to the music on the putt-putt course. We hope that everyone enjoyed their afternoon away from the office, spending time together having fun and building relationships.



In May, Richmond County Hospice was honored to be a part of both Anson County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Anson Healthcare Day and Richmond County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Richmond's Healthcare Day.

Participants were welcomed to our portion of the day by arriving to our campus and seeing the event building with a Christmas overlay offering a sneak peek into the planning of our Taste of the Sandhills Showcasing Dancing with the Stars fundraiser coming up in September, as well as a presentation from our Leadership Team about the hospice services and care we provide. We hope they all learned a little something more about hospice care and we look forward to participating again next year!

In addition, we were proud of our three staff members in the Leadership Richmond class for receiving "Exceptional Perfect Attendance" meaning they were present for all sessions along with the kickoff meeting and both days of their community service project. Way to go Karen, Lisa, and Shannon! We were also proud of Marla Barbee for completing the Leadership Anson class.



OUT & About events

Thank you **Mabry's** for always being there for our patients. With our new STAR program we look forward to recognizing our many business partners who go above and beyond to help our patients and their families as well as our staff.

We recently launched our STAR (Super Terrific Agency Recognition) program to honor area businesses that exceed customer expectations. Agencies are nominated by our staff and recipients receive our STAR certificate and ink pen as a small token of appreciation. Our first STAR award goes to Ted McRae with Mabry's Drug and Home Care.

He was nominated for his polite and friendly personality when delivering medications. Our patient shared "it may not seem like much but it brightens my day each time!" Accepting the award on his behalf is Robbie Stebbins (left) and Hunter Smart (right) pictured here with Jessica Mims, Director of Development for Richmond County Hospice Inc. Thank you Ted and Mabry's for your exceptional care to our patients.



We would like to thank **Rockingham Rotary Club** for their recent grant to our "Wishing Well" program. We use our "Wishing Well" program to help grant small wishes for patients on our services and give them some joy, peace, and/or closure as they approach end of life.

We were honored to be selected as a recipient of some of the funds that the Rockingham Rotary Club raises each year, mainly through their annual Bar-B-Q, and encourage everyone to continue to support their fundraising efforts so that they can continue to support the many different individuals, agencies and groups in our community through the grants and scholarships they provide.

Members of our Richmond County Hospice team participated in the local **Elder Abuse Awareness Walk** in downtown Rockingham. June 15th each year is set aside to raise awareness about abuse and neglect of the elderly community and the importance of reporting concerns of abuse. Thank you Richmond County DSS for working to protect the seniors in our county.



COMPASSIONATE AMBASSADOR



SHONDA CRUMP, LPN

Ms. Shonda Crump has been employed with Richmond County Hospice for 27 years serving as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) at the General Inpatient Center, Hospice Haven.



If animals could talk, which one would be the rudest?

Geese. They are loud and rude. "Get out my way."

If your life was a sitcom, what would the title be?

"A Different World" – managing responsibility while still having fun.

If your mood was a color, what would it be?

Gray: Cool, practical – no drama, just real. You don't need to pretend to be someone else.

Pineapple on Pizza: Yes or no?

Yes. Sweet and savory together is underrated

Do you hoard snacks at your desk?

Absolutely. Emergency snack stash. No shame.

If you could teleport anywhere right now, where would you go?

Somewhere peaceful near the ocean where I could hear the waves and relax.

If your desk could talk, what would it say?

"Ah, finally! You're leaving... I can cool down now..."

What song would play when you log into your computer?

"Computer Love"

What app do you use way more than you should?

TikTok – Hours scrolling short, funny clips

What's your current binge-watch obsession?

"Love is Blind"

What old-school tech do you secretly miss?

Pagers (Beepers) – There was something dramatic about a pager going off. You didn't know "why" someone needed you – just that they did.

The logo features the word "UPCOMING" in a small, sans-serif font with each letter in a different color (U: blue, P: green, C: yellow, O: orange, M: red, I: purple, N: blue, G: green). Below it, the word "Events" is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. The letters of "Events" are also multi-colored, transitioning from green on the left to blue, purple, red, orange, and yellow on the right.

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 2026: (July-No Meeting) Aug. 1, Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5. Refreshments served and no cost to attend.

September 19, 2026: Taste of the Sandhills/Dancing with the Stars: Theme: "Home For The Holidays" will be held at the Cole Auditorium-1042 West Hamlet Avenue, Hamlet, North Carolina beginning at 3:00 pm until 11:30 pm.

October 27, 2026: Faith Fellowship: will be held at 10:00am to 11:00am in the Conference room at Richmond County Hospice -1119 US Highway 1 North, Rockingham, NC. 28379.

October 22, 2026: Candy Cavalcade held at Richmond County Hospice-1119 US Hwy 1 N, Rockingham, NC beginning at 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

November 6, 2026: 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 15, 2026: 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 for more information.

November 19, 2026: Light of Life (Fall) Marketing and Outreach Event beginning at 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Time and place (TBA). Call a member of our Bereavement Team at 910-997-4464 for more information.

December 1, 2026: Richmond County Hospice Forever Tree will be held -1119 US Hwy 1, Rockingham, North Carolina beginning at 6:00 pm.

December 8, 2026: Anson County Forever Tree will be held at Leavitt Funeral Home, - 2036 Morven Road (PO Box 274), Wadesboro, NC beginning at 6:00 pm.

December 19, 2026: Wreaths Across America will be held at Anson Memorial Park, Inc. - 2207 NC Hwy 742 S, Wadesboro, NC beginning at 11:00 am.

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.

**GIVE
IN-KIND**



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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Visit our Website at:

www.richmondcountyhospice.com
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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 compassionate quality care to individuals in our community in the future. Donations listed were received from April thru June 2026

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