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Richmond County Hospice, Hospice Haven & Anson Community Hospice



Meet Our Hospice Family

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Social Worker

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Chaplain

Kenneth Lyerly, MDIV.
Chaplain

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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!

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Member

Light of Life Memorial Celebration

On Tuesday, November 16th Richmond County Hospice, Inc. held our Light of Life Memorial Celebration. Faith FreeWill Baptist Church of Rockingham hosted the special event. Our Light of Life services provide families and staff the opportunity to cherish the memory of loved ones who have passed during the last six months while reminding us that we are not alone in our grief.

Since the pandemic had interfered with the planned services in 2020, staff was grateful to return to our "traditional" Light of Life service. Pastor David Lee brought a message of hope and God's comfort for all in attendance. Joy Blake was the pianist for the evening as her husband, Marvin Blake directed the church choir who sang two beautiful songs, "What A Day That Will Be" and "When We All Get To Heaven." The time of remembrance was complimented by the lighting of the unity candle and congregational candles followed by the recognition of the deceased loved ones. The service concluded with prayer and the blessing of the meal which was catered by Rick's Catering of Laurinburg.



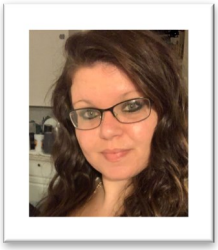




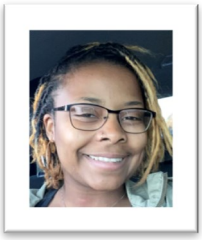


Welcome TO THE TEAM

Richmond County Hospice welcomes our new staff members of 2021 through 2022.
We are so glad you are on our RCH team!



Regina Smith, CNA-1
Hospice Aide/
Homecare



Jaikayla C. Dumas,
CNA-1
Patient Care Technician



Karen B. Grant, LPN
Home Care Primary Nurse



Kathleen Spearman
MSW, LCSW-A
Clinical SW
(PRN)



Bernice Thompson,
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Leslie Gadson, RN, PRN
Inpatient Nurse-Haven



Michele Huneycutt
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Inpatient Nurse-Haven

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Welcome TO THE TEAM



Deedee comes to us with years of experience taking care of others. Deedee lives in Ellerbe and enjoys the comforts of her home with a view.

Deedee is always glad to go and sit with patients so their loved ones can run errands or go to appointments. Deedee has volunteered before and enjoys the interaction with patients, pets and their families. She will become a big part of our volunteer team and we are glad to have her.



Randy has become part of our volunteer team after years of planning for it. Randy has military background which will be a big help with our Veteran patients. He has volunteered in many areas and enjoys helping others when he can .

He lives in Rockingham with his wife and son. Randy will become a big part of not only visiting our veteran patients but will also help with upcoming events. We are so glad to have him become part of our volunteer team.



Peggy is no stranger to volunteering. She has a love for music and she shares with patients that same love and it always brings a smile to their face.

Peggy is from Wadesboro and after traveling around a bit she has ended up back home. She has a furbaby named Andy who keeps her on her toes with all of his energy. She is no stranger to loss and has pulled herself through which makes her love for hospice very strong. We are so glad to have Peggy as part of our volunteer team.

Salute to Veterans

"We don't know them all. But we owe them all" -unknown.

Richmond County Hospice, Inc hosted the 10th Annual Salute to Veterans event on Friday, November 5th. Braving chilly temperatures, participants bundled up and enjoyed the program. Those in attendance were welcomed by Jessica Mims, Director of Family Services and Lisa O'Neal, Clinical Office Coordinator. Program highlights included:

- **Posting of Colors by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard**
- **Special Guest Speaker, Dr. Michael Sundborg, Col. Retired (Army) and currently working at First Health as the GYN Oncologist.**
- **National Anthem & Service Medley by the 82nd Airborne Division Band Brass Quintet**
- **Moment of silence in memory of former Sheriff James "Clem" Clemmons and prayer by Chaplain Chris Thornton**
- **Raffle by the AMVETs post 316**
- **K-9 Demonstration presented by Midgard K-9 Solutions**
- **Missing Man Table presentation by the AMVETs Post 316**
- **21-gun salute/TAPs by Richmond County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard**
- **Dove release courtesy of Wings of Love**
- **Parachute demonstration and jump by the All-Veterans Parachute Team**
- **A Cappella Performance of National Anthem during jump by SGM Peter Leyden, Jr.**
- **Facts from War eras read by Teen Volunteers: Kate Leyden, James Mims, Andrew Leyden, and Amani Smith**
- **Closing prayer by Sheriff Mark Gulledge**

This event was made possible by Richmond County Hospice and the following generous sponsors:

- **Katie Mabe, Realtor with Everything Pines Partners – All-Veterans parachute team sponsor**
- **Watson-King Funeral Homes – meal sponsor**
- **Great Falls Wealth Management**
- **REV Federal Credit Union**
- **Mabry's Drug and Home Care**
- **Wise Hospice Options**
- **Armando's Mexican Grill**
- **Cascades Industries**
- **Epsilon, Inc.**

In addition to those that participated in the program, the following in-kind sponsors also provided support:

- **Billy Dunn**
- **BVGG Properties**
- **East Rockingham Elementary School students**
- **Outreach for Jesus**
- **Richmond County Memorial Park**
- **Richmond County Partnership for Children**
- **Richmond Senior High JROTC**
- **Robin Roberts**
- **Sarah Sriratanakoul**
- **The Salty Bean Coffee Co.**
- **VFW Post 4203 Auxiliary**

We appreciate all the hard work from our committee who made this event possible. All the staff at Richmond County Hospice and volunteers were honored to host this special day of recognition for our Veterans and we are grateful for the support from our sponsors to make this day possible!

"America without her soldiers would be like God without His angels" -Claudia Pemberton






10TH ANNUAL
SALUTE TO VETERANS
Friday, November 5th, 2021
Registration: 10:30 am ~ Event: 11:00 am
R.S.V.P. at 910-997-4464

















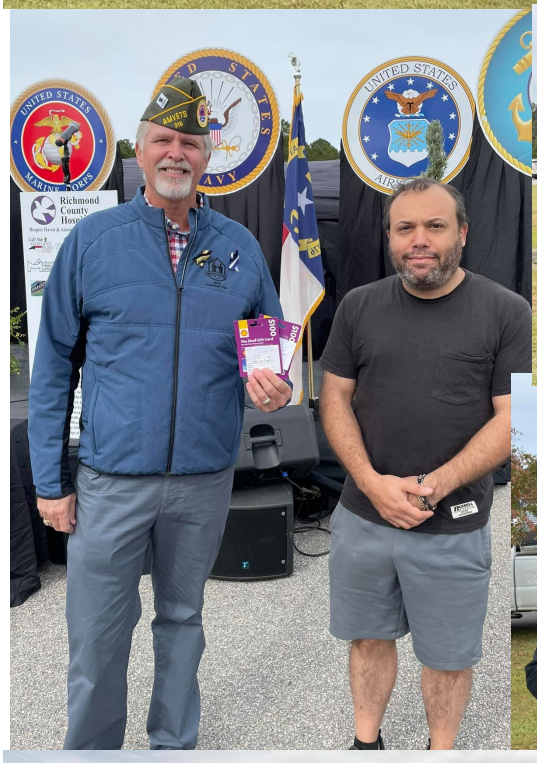





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"Christmas is a tonic for our souls. It moves us to think of others rather than ourselves. It directs our thoughts to giving" -B.C. Forbs

On the weekend of November 12th-14th, the staff of Richmond County Hospice hosted the Mistletoe Gallery Christmas Tree and Décor Silent Auction. The concept for Mistletoe Gallery came about through years of discussion on bringing more family centered activities to our area. In addition, the absence of our main fundraiser gave us the time and opportunity to finally bring one of these ideas to fruition. Once again we find ourselves in a place where we could not have done this without these generous donors and sponsors:

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We also want to thank ALL our volunteers and staff members who helped organize, prepare and work this event. A special shout out to these amazing individuals Nic Wilkes, Julie Woody, Lisa Luckey, Heather Monroe and Shannon Huff.

"Sometimes, if you want to see a change for the better, you have to take things into your own hands" -Clint Eastwood


The Best way to see
Christmas is through
the Eyes of a Child.


Mistletoe Gallery
CHRISTMAS AUCTION














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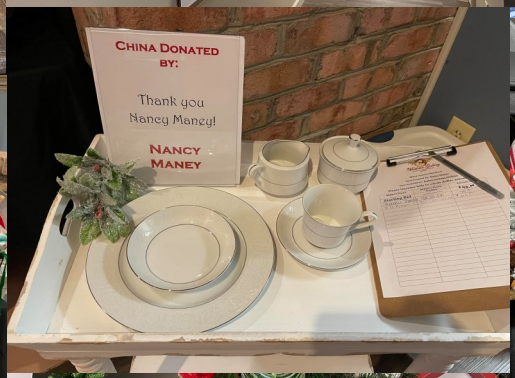

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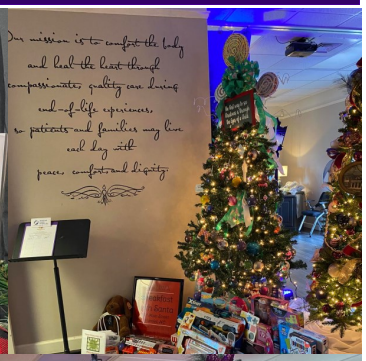

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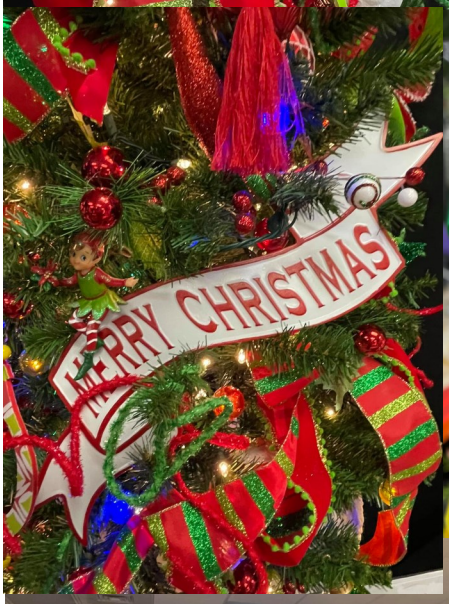

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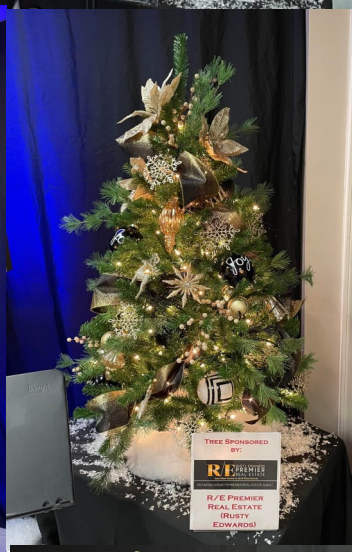

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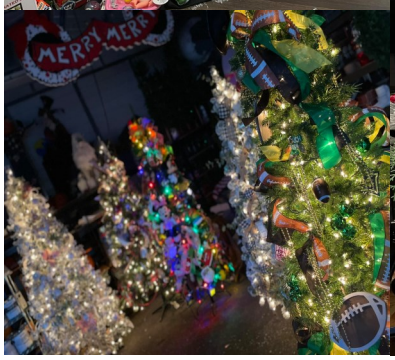



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Richmond County Forever Tree

Richmond County Hospice, Inc hosted the Forever Tree Lighting service on Thursday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. The front lawn of the administrative building, which was beautifully decorated by Nic Wilkes, served as the setting for the evening. To begin the service, those in attendance were able to place ornaments in memory and in honor of their loved one(s) onto the Forever Tree. Pianist for the evening was Linda Hatcher and special music was presented by Kelby Caulder, soloist, who sang "Noel." After recognizing the loved ones who were being honored and remembered, the Forever Tree was lit and "snow" fell. The service concluded with those in attendance singing Silent Night. A time of fellowship followed the service with delicious refreshments. We hope this special evening was a time of reflection and remembrance for all who attended the Forever Tree Lighting.













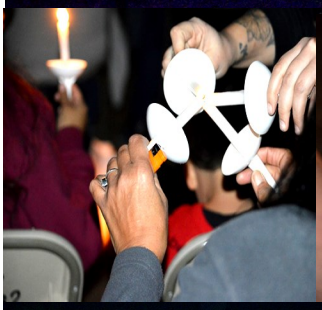

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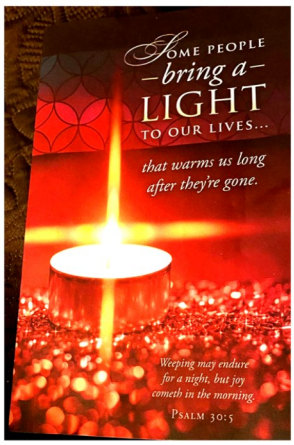










Anson County Forever Tree

Richmond County Hospice, Inc hosted the Anson Forever Tree Ceremony on Tuesday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. The beautifully adorned chapel of Leavitt's Funeral Home served as the setting for this special evening. Those in attendance were able to place ornaments in memory and in honor of their loved one(s). Pianist for the prelude was Joyce Burr and special music was presented by Ken Caulder, soloist. Remarks were offered by Rev. Stacey Lundy and provided encouragement to all those in attendance. A time of fellowship was enjoyed after the ceremony with delicious snacks and beverages. We hope this festive evening was a comfort and blessing to all those that participated.





HOSPICE SABBATH

Rev. Chris Thornton, Chaplain

The staff and volunteers of Richmond County Hospice, Inc. would like to thank all the churches for your continued support with Hospice Sabbath. This past year we had 31 churches participating throughout Richmond and Anson County!

I would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to every church member in our community to become involved with our agency as we make efforts to grow throughout the surrounding communities. We here at Richmond County Hospice Inc. are working on an outreach program to involve more of the churches in the counties that we serve in an effort to truly become your hometown Hospice.

This outreach program is combined of three major parts, Hospice Sabbath, a monthly Newsletter and public speaking engagements within the church. Hospice Sabbath represents a celebration to honor those individuals throughout the community that have passed within the last year. We recognize that not everyone is involved with Hospice as their last days approach.

With Hospice Sabbath we encourage that this program does not have to be experienced for only Hospice patients and that even those loved ones that did not have Hospice services should be honored. We would like to take this time to invite any church members in the community that would like to be a part of this special day to contact me here at Hospice. Churches that participate in Hospice Sabbath will receive a white rose to place in the sanctuary and bulletins to offer support and encouragement.

Our second form of outreach is a Newsletter that I write each month. We are offering churches to provide bulletin inserts for your congregation. These articles are written with the intention to help uplift and unite the body of Christ.

Lastly, our organization would like to be invited into each church to have the opportunity to explain what Hospice is, how it works, who qualifies, and to end the myths that Hospice is just about death.

We at Richmond County Hospice Inc. strive to make a difference in this community. I am excited about venture to grow this outreach program and the opportunity to be invited into your church for Sunday services, men and women ministry meetings or any event you have at your church to explain our services. If you or anyone else you may know would be interested in this outreach program, please contact me as soon as possible at 910/997-4464 or at cthornton@rchospice.com

Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to share with you about our outreach program!

In the love of Christ,
Rev. Chris Thornton, CPC

Employee Appreciation

November is designated as National Hospice Month. During this month, we choose to celebrate our staff all month long. We are so appreciative of each of our dedicated employees and hope that they know how special they are to our organization and those that we serve. Here are a few pictures of this year's Hospice Month celebration:







A special thank you to **Baldwin's BBQ & Grill** for the delicious food they brought to the Richmond County Hospice Staff.









A special thank you to **East of Bliss Massage & Spa**













Parades & Polar Express

In December our staff and volunteers were excited to be a part of two of the county's Christmas festivities.

On December 9th, we had fun being a part of Hamlet's Night of Lights parade and we were honored to have our float picked as the first-place entry. Each of the entries were beautiful all decorated in lights. We appreciate our staff and volunteers who worked/rode on the parade float or walked and handed out hot chocolate and marshmallows. It was a great event and a fun time was had by all!

On December 21st, we shared our very own Santa and Mrs. Claus with everyone at the Downtown Rockingham's Polar Express. We appreciate our staff and volunteers that braved the cold that night to greet all the little ones that came through with a wave, a smile, "Merry Christmas", and a treat (while our supply lasted)! Enjoy some pictures from those events and we hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season!



































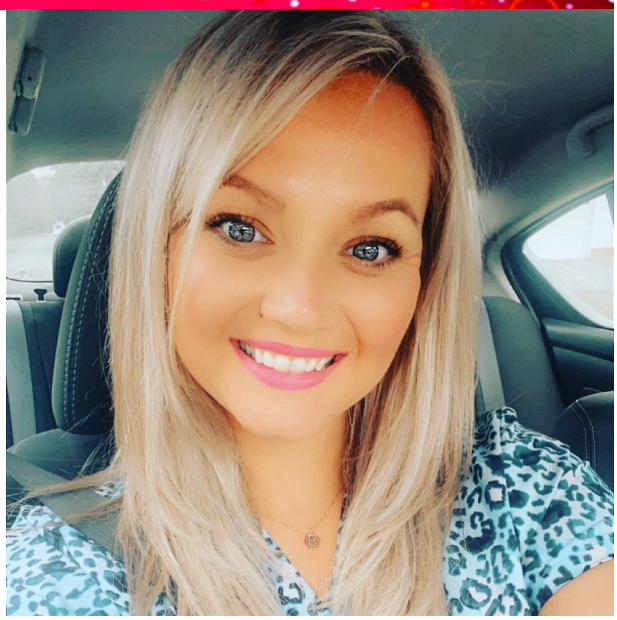

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team

Mrs. Miranda Watson, RN/Homecare Primary Nurse is the recipient of

Employee Spotlight for the Month of January 2022!



Mrs. Miranda Watson began working at Richmond County Hospice on 10/01/2019 and has accomplished 2 years serving as RN/Homecare Primary Nurse.

Tell us about your Family: *I have been married for going on 12 years we have 3 children and 2 dogs.*

What do you like most about working with Richmond County Hospice? *Getting to provide care to our patients at such an intimate time in their lives, I feel fortunate to get to work with each patient that I have.*

Before working at Richmond County, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had? *I worked on the psych unit at Sandhills Hospital never had a dull shift.*

If you pick a theme for Richmond County Hospice to turn into a book, what would it be? *Probably suspense, never plan on your day going as planned you never know what may pop up!*

Where would you go for a dream vacation? *New Zealand or Australia, to be honest I'd take anywhere warm right now.*

Do you have a favorite quote or phrase? "*The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today"*

What is the name of a good movie you've enjoyed watching so much you would watch it over again? *Twister, if I wasn't a nurse I'd be a storm chaser.*

Tell us the top three highlights of your life? *The day I married my husband, the day each of my children were born, and the day I finished nursing school.*

When was the last time you laugh so hard you cried? *We recently took my son and a friend to a trampoline park, they could not get out of the foam block pits and were rolling to get out, funniest thing I've seen lately.*

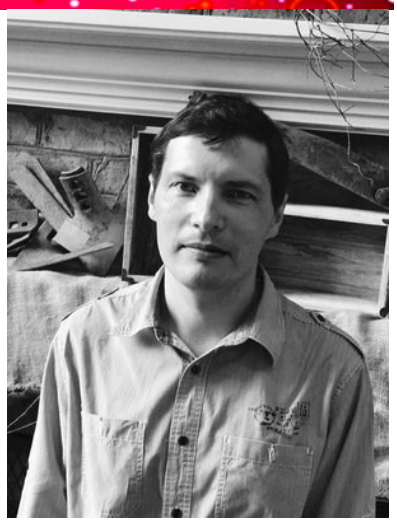
What are some things that are still on your bucket list? *Travelling the country after my kids graduate, and finally taking that dream vacation.*

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? *I love to workout! The gym is definitely my happy place!*

Thank you Mrs. Miranda, for all your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice. We truly appreciate all that you do, and we are so blessed to have you on our RCH Team!!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team



Vladimir Tushin, Maintenance/Housekeeper/Haven
is the recipient of the
Employee Spotlight for the month of December 2021!

Vladimir Tushin began working with Richmond County Hospice on February 17, 2018, and has worked 3 years in Maintenance/Housekeeping at Hospice Haven.

Tell us a little about your Family:
My father is a retired electrical engineer and worked at the local broadcast television studio. My mother still works and is the local school principal.

What are three words you would use to describe Richmond County Hospice? Caring; Giving; Considerate

Before working at Richmond County Hospice, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had? One of the most interesting jobs that I ever had is one that I currently have in my off time, i.e., working with magnolia plants.

What is your favorite phrase or words you are known to say? "Let's go to Starbucks Coffee".

What is your favorite TV show or movie you love to watch? I enjoy watching home development shows particularly if they are renovating old turn of the century homes.

If you were to write a book about yourself, what would you name it? Vladimir's Travel Guide"

Where is your favorite place to eat? I enjoyed Los Mariachis Mexican Bar & Grill.

Where is the best place you have traveled to and why? London and Boston… Portugal and Spain. I enjoy visiting cities and learning how to navigate their transit systems. I'm a pro in New York City with their subway system.

What is the name of your favorite Football Team? I really haven't had much opportunity to see American football.

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? I enjoy studying turn of the century architecture.

Thank you Vladimir, for all your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice.
We truly appreciate all that you do, and we are so blessed to have you on our RCH Team!!

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Get To Know Our Team



Kathy Taylor, CNA I, Patient Care Technician/Hospice Haven
is the recipient of the

Employee Spotlight for the Month of November 2021!!

Kathy Taylor begin working with Richmond County Hospice on September 1, 1998 and has accomplished 23 years at RCH serving as Certified Nursing Assistant/Patient Care Technician at Hospice Haven.

Tell us about your Family: *I have a loving family. We live close by contacting them on the phone. I live with my daughter and she is my right-hand. I have 2 sons, and 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. I love them all. I have 2 sisters and 2 brothers and they are the best.*

What do you like most about working with Richmond County Hospice? *I joined Hospice as a volunteer in the beginning. Later, I progressed as a companion for patients and then a CNA. No doubt this job was the one for me. I like caring for others and knowing they are truly thankful for the care they receive.*

What are three words to describe your role with Richmond County Hospice? *Compassion, Caring, Responsible*

What advice would you give to new hires? *Be yourself, have a caring attitude and be compassionate*

Where would you go for a dream vacation? *May go to Disney World with my family.*

Do you have a favorite quote or phrase? *Live life to the fullest - Always put God first.*

If you would write a book about yourself, what would you name it? *The Incredible Life of Kathy*

Tell us the top three highlights of your life? *Knowing God - Having my 3 children and knowing my 5 grandchildren and great-grandchild - Spending time with my siblings. I have a wonderful family!*

When was the last time you laugh so hard you cried? *There has been many, but this one comes to my mind when My co-worker was on the floor and I asked her what had happened and she didn't know. I guess she tripped over her own feet. No one go hurt of course. Sorry Karen*

What are some things that are still on your bucket list? *Retirement - win the lottery - go fishing with Chloe*

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? *Going to church and Gospel singings. Watching the Hallmark Channel, and watching Chloe entertain me when I am bored.*

Thank you so much Kathy, for all your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice.
We appreciate all that you do and we are so blessed to have you on our RCH Team!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team



Teresa Balzer, RN, BSN, CHPN , Inpatient Care-Hospice Haven
is the recipient of the
Employee Spotlight for the Month of October 2021!

Mrs. Teresa Balzer began working at Richmond County Hospice on September, 11th 2012 and has accomplished 9 years serving as Inpatient Nurse/Haven.

Tell us a little bit about your Family: *I have been happily married for 28 years. We celebrated our 28th anniversary October 23, 2021. I have 2 grown boy's Gregory age 27 and Andrew age 24. My other boys are Cadbury and Onyx. They keep us very busy at the house. If you have pets, you know they are just like children.*

What is the favorite part about working for Richmond County Hospice? *My favorite part of working for Richmond County Hospice is helping families and their loved ones to understand what hospice is and how much it has to offer them.*

Before working at Richmond County Hospice, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had? *I worked as a CNA 2 on the psych ward for the geriatric population. Some of the reasons they did the things they did to be committed to the geriatric ward was crazy! One patient stopped eating because her daughter was divorcing a physician. She could no longer be called the mother-in-law of doctor so and so.*

Do you have a favorite quote or phrase? *It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.*
Tell us three things most people don't know about you. *I played second base and catcher on softball team. I won a Halloween contest with a crazy costume my brother brought home. I may still have the picture. Finally, I fired my sister from a job. It did not take long for my mom to call demanding I hire her back.*

What are three top highlights of your life? *Family is first. Graduating nursing school and continuing education in this field. Third would be being the first to graduate college in my family.*

Do you have a favorite book you have read lately? *My favorite book is To Kill a Mockingbird. My husband and I watched the movie about 3 weeks ago.*

What is your favorite dish you love to cook? *Boston Butts. My father-in-law usually wants one once a week.*

Where is your favorite place to travel and why? *My favorite place to travel is going to the beach. Normally we are there with family.*

What is your favorite TV show or movie? *My favorite TV show is How to Get Away with Murder.*

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? *I am not much for hobbies, but I love going to Cherokee occasionally. I also love planning the beach trip every year we take with my husband's family. My sister has started joining us for the last 3 years.*

Thank you, Teresa, for all your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice.
We appreciate all that you do and we are so blessed to have you on our RCH Team!

What's Happening

Wadesboro Garden Club
A Special Thank You to the beautiful Women of Wadesboro Garden Club for the beautiful decorated Flower Cups made to give to our patients.





Thank you American Woodmark Corporation for your donation given to purchase a flag pole in our developing Veterans' Garden! We greatly appreciate your continued support of Richmond County Hospice! If any of you see Bobby Young or any of the other American Woodmark team around town, please let them know how much their contribution is appreciated!

"Thank you" Anson High School Class of 1989 for your donation.



We want to say "thank you" to **AMVETs post 316** for their generous sponsorship of a flagpole for our Veterans' Garden. We are grateful for their ongoing support not only to our garden, but to our annual Salute to Veterans event as well.
Pictured, presenting the check to Jessica Mims on behalf of AMVETs post 316 is Ed O'Neal.
We hope the garden will serve as a fitting tribute to our Armed Forces!



We would like to express our thanks to the JROTC from Richmond Senior High School for coming out and working so hard to help set up the tent in preparation for our Salute to Veteran's Event.



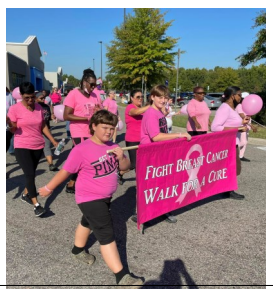


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Grief Support Group: Richmond Memorial Park and Richmond County Hospice, Inc., co-facilitate a Monthly Support Group. The meeting is held on the 1st Saturday of each month beginning at 10:00am on the Richmond County Hospice –Administration building. For more information, please contact Mrs. Sandy Black, Bereavement Coordinator (910) 997-4464 or Ext. 910-817-2757.
Dates for 2022: March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th, Aug. 6th, Sept. 10th, Oct. 1, Nov. 5th and Dec. 3rd. Refreshments served and no cost to attend.

March 23, 2022: **Camp Haven (Grief Camp for Children)** Richmond County Hospice will hold our annual Children's Grief Camp from 8:00am to 1:00 pm on the Richmond County Hospice Campus. The camp is open to children ages 5-12 who have experienced a significant loss in the last year. For more information or a camp application, please contact Sandy Black, Bereavement Coordinator at 910.997.4464.

April 2, 2022: **"Cool Cars for a Cause" Second Annual Car Show** held on Richmond County Hospice Campus. Location-1119 US Highway #1 North, Rockingham, NC. Save the Date now for a spring fundraiser benefiting Richmond County Hospice- "Cool Cars for a Cause" car show. All Makes and Models welcome, including motorcycles. Planning for kid activities, food vendors, and vendor booths. Entry fees and more details to come. If you would like to help with this event please contact the Richmond County Hospice office at 910-997-4464.

April 26, 2022: **Volunteer Banquet** will honor those who have volunteered with us this past year by hosting our annual Volunteer Banquet. (Place and time TBA)

May 12, 2022: **Light of Life Memorial Service**: This service includes families of our patients who have passed away within the last six months as well as community members who have also experienced a loss. For more information about Light of Life Memorial Service, please contact Sandy Black at 910.997. 4464. Place and time of service (TBA).

June 14, 2022: **Volunteer Skills Fair**: will be held in the Conference room 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Sept. 10, 2022:**Taste of the Sandhills featuring Dancing with the Stars** will be held at the Cole Auditorium, Hamlet, NC. beginning at 5:00pm until 12:00am.

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