

We Welcome Our New Volunteers

NIA JONES



Nia Jones is from Richmond County and interned with us while working on her BSW which she completed at the University of Pembroke in December. Since graduation she has been hired as an employee with Richmond County Hospice and we are so happy to have her as a part of our team.

KARRINGTON LOCKLEAR



Karrington Locklear is also from Richmond County and has her Associates in Dental Hygiene. She has a deep motivation to further her education and continue her career in the Dental field and said what better place to volunteer then at hospice.

NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

November is recognized as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. The motto/theme for 2023 established by the National Hospice and Palliative Care organization was “meeting you where you are”. This theme symbolizes providers meeting patients and their loved ones where they are, be it literally through serving them in the comfort of their own homes, spiritually in tailoring support to their unique beliefs, or emotionally by helping them to understand that choosing hospice does not mean giving up hope or quality of life.

Richmond County Hospice is honored to bring comfort and compassionate care to our community and provide patient and family centered end of life quality services.

Richmond County Hospice celebrates hospice month by honoring our nurses, hospice aides, chaplains, social workers, medical providers, and all our support staff who make a remarkable difference for the patients and families they serve. Our staff play a central role in end of life care at Hospice Haven and in homes throughout our service area. To recognize their efforts, we celebrate our amazing team throughout the month with small tokens of appreciation and recognition.

Our staff is Richmond County Hospice’s greatest asset.







Wreaths Across America 2022 at Anson Memorial Park

Leavitt Funeral Home and Anson Community Hospice placed wreaths at Anson Memorial Park-a part of WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA.

Across the country at more than 1,100 memorial sites on Saturday December 17th people gathered as one nation to Remember, Honor and Teach through the WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA program. We are all proud to be Americans that live in a free society made up of many people, from many walks of life. The freedoms we enjoy today have not come without a price. At Anson Memorial Park and in cemeteries throughout this nation are men and women who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom and without fear. We can worship as we see fit. We can raise our children to believe as we do. We can travel from one end of this great nation to the other and not have to ask permission to go. We are free to vote for whomever we feel should be in government office, with no explanation needed. We have the right to succeed, and we have the right to fail at whatever endeavor we wish to pursue.

The United States of America was founded on the ideals of Freedom, Justice, and Equality. Our Nation stands as a shining beacon of liberty and freedom to the world. We thank those who gave their lives to keep us free and we shall not forget you.

There are many men and women serving today in all branches of the military, here at home and in places far away that most of us have never heard of. These men and women are part of the best-trained, best-equipped force in the world. We honor them and their families for the sacrifices they make each day to keep our country safe from terrorism, hatred, and injustice.

Quoting our 40th United States President Ronald Reagan. Quote "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

We are thankful to our staff members who helped us honor our veterans: Jessica Mims, Director of Family Services; Arturo DeAguilar, Director of Human Resources; Lisa Luckey, Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator; Jenny Mabe, Director of Nursing (HC); Hollie Smith, Director of Inpatient Center and Kristina Leyden, CEO. We are also extremely thankful for Ken Caulder, Director at Leavitt Funeral Home for coordinating WAA in Anson County.



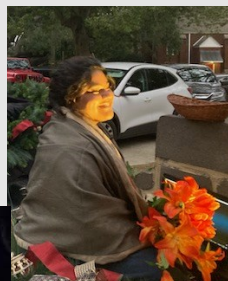
Richmond County Hospice once again enjoyed being a part of the **Hamlet Christmas Parade of Lights.**

This year our Creativity Coordinator chose the Story of the Birth of Christ as the theme for our parade entry. Our float played out the story of that Special Night beginning with the heavenly hosts spreading the good news followed by the angel proclaiming Christ's birth, down to a meek stable where our King was born, shepherds were visiting the new arrival at the manger, and walking along behind the stable were the Wisemen following the star on a journey to find the newborn King.

The bigger aspects of the float were visible for all to see but hidden among the entry were some smaller details that played major parts in Jesus earthly journey. Many of which we hope you will be able to find in the pictures here.

Beside the majestic angel perched on the railing was a white dove signifying the peace that Jesus brings. Our female Shepherd was holding a bouquet of lilies which is often a symbolic reference to Christ's resurrection, new beginnings, and hope. Included in the architectural design of the stable was a cross located above the trough where the baby Jesus laid representing the future sacrifice that Baby would become for the whole world. The male Shepherd was holding a sheep representative of the "Good Shepherd" and the fact that we are all His sheep and that He is willing to leave the 99 to search for the one lost sheep. Behind Mary was a thorn bush symbolic of the crown of thorns worn by Jesus at the time of His crucifixion and the pain and agony he suffered through for our sins. Near Mary's feet was a basket containing loaves and fishes a representation of the story of Jesus feeding the thousands with just 2 fishes and 5 loaves of bread and the many other miracles He would perform.

We thank the Hamlet Christmas Parade committee for their hard work to provide such a joyful evening. We greatly appreciate our dedicated cast of employees and volunteers that brought this miraculous story to life, we couldn't have done it without each one of you. And, we are honored to have been selected as the First Place Float for the 2022 parade and look forward to next year's event.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team

*Mrs. Hayley Plyler, RN, BSN-Case Manager
is the recipient of the*

Employee Spotlight for the Month of December 2022!

Mrs. Hayley Plyler began working for Richmond County Hospice on 9/20/21, and has accomplished one year serving as RN Case Manager.

Tell us a little bit about your Family: I am married to my best friend, Brad, and we have two wonderful children, Jackson who is 12 and Adeline who is 5.

What are three words you would use to describe Richmond County Hospice? Compassion, Advocacy, Empathy

How do you balance your career at Richmond County Hospice and Family?

I have been a hospice nurse for about eight years, so I have learned to balance the focus from my patients and their families back to my own family when I'm off. You have to!

Before working at Richmond County Hospice, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had? I helped teach classes at my old dance studio in high school.

Do you have a favorite quote? "We're all just walking each other home." A beautiful reminder that the end goal is heaven, how precious and fleeting life is, and how beautiful my job can be!

If you were to write a book about yourself, what would you name it?

"Working in Heaven's Waiting Room."

What are three words that best describe who you are? Free-spirit, Optimistic, Loving

What is your biggest pet peeve? Selfishness... and people that chew or gulp loudly!

Where is the best place you have traveled to and why? WALT DISNEY WORLD! I am a proud Disney Adult and could go a million times and never get tired of it.

What is your favorite tv show or movie you love to watch? I hardly watch TV, but I do love Christian and True Crime podcasts! If I do watch TV, it's all the horrible reality shows on TLC!

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? I love traveling, but probably enjoy the planning just as much if not more than the trip! I love to plan parties! Other than that, I like to spend time with family and friends.



*Thank you, Mrs. Hayley for all of your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice.
We truly appreciate your kind and caring spirit, and we are truly blessed to have you on our Team!!*

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team

*Ms. Jaikyla C. Dumas, CNA 1/Patient Care Technician
is the recipient of the
Employee Spotlight for the Month of November 2022*

Ms. Jaikyla Dumas began working with Richmond County Hospice on January 4, 2022 and has accomplished 11 months serving as CNA/Patient Care Technician.

Tell us a little about your Family: I come from a very loving and genuine family. I am the oldest sister of 7. I have a precious niece and nephew that I adore so much. I recently gained a bonus family that I am very grateful for.

What is the favorite part about working for Richmond County Hospice?

My favorite part about working at Hospice is being able to meet and interact with new people. I love hearing about people's lives and the different obstacles that they overcome. It definitely gives me a different perspective and helps me appreciate life a little more.

Before working at Richmond County Hospice, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had? I've only had two jobs before working here but if I had to pick one It would be Walmart. I was an online shopper and I came into contact with different people with different demeanors. It really helped with my customer services skills.

Do you have a favorite quote or phrase? You only live once

Tell us three things most people don't know about you. I have a good sense of humor, I don't care for chaos, and I am a very positive person.

What are three top highlights of your life? I graduated high school, I enrolled back in school to continue my education, and I just got surprisingly engaged!!!

Do you have a favorite book you have read lately? I don't read much but that is something I want to start getting into.

What is your favorite dish you love to cook? Spaghetti and sometimes a seafood boil

Where is your favorite place to travel and why? My favorite place so far has to be Savannah Georgia because of the scenery. It's a great place to go with your significant other. My favorite part was the saxophone players alongside the river.

What tv show/movie are you ashamed to admit you love? I don't really have a favorite but I love watching documentaries on real events that have occurred.

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? I love doing stuff in the community and at one point I was helping out with REC cheer. Other than that, I just enjoy being with my family and friends.

Thank you, Ms. Jaikyla for all of your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice. We truly appreciate your warm and caring spirit, and we are so blessed to have you on our Team!!



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team

*Mrs. Myrtle Paul, Hospice Certified Nurses Aide 1,
is the recipient of the
Employee Spotlight for the Month of October 2022!*

Mrs. Myrtle Paul began working with Richmond County Hospice in May 2020, and has accomplished a total of 2 years serving as a Hospice Certified Nurses Aide 1.

Tell us a little bit about your Family: Married for 27 years and have 2 adult daughters, Macaila & McKena; 3 grand girls and 1 boy.

*What is the favorite part about working at Richmond County Hospice?
My co-workers and my patients*

*If you could pick one theme for Richmond County Hospice to turn into a book, what would it be?
"A Day in the Life of a CNA"*

Tell us three things most people don't know about you: I love to cook, cook, and cook!

What is your favorite dish you love to cook? Chicken and Dumplings

What is your biggest pet peeve? Drivers riding the middle lane!

What is your favorite TV show or movie you love to watch? FBI Series

Where is the best place you've traveled to and why? To the Caribbeans, it's beautiful!

When was the last time you laughed so hard you cried? Two weeks ago

What is the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery? A New House!

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? Reading, spending time with my girls.

Thank you, Mrs. Myrtle, for all of your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice. We are so blessed to have you on our Team!!



What's Happening

On Monday, Dec. 19th, RCH's own Arturo DeAguiar (Director of HR) and Kristina Leyden (CEO) in addition to Michelle Parrish (Executive Director of United Way) and Karen Bostick (Executive Director of New Life & Family Services) enjoyed judging the 4-H Holiday Bake-Off .



Lisa Luckey, Volunteer Coordinator of Richmond County Hospice receiving the proclamation from William "Bill" Bayless of Hamlet, NC declaring November National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.



John Hutchinson presenting the proclamation from Rockingham, North Carolina declaring November as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. Lisa Luckey received the proclamation.

During the month of October, our staff was encouraged to wear pink to show our support for Breast Cancer Awareness!



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 10:00am 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 2023:** February 4th, March 4th, April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, Aug. 5th, Sept. 9th, Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th and Dec. 2nd. Refreshments served and no cost to attend.

February 22,, 2023: **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.

March 25, 2023: **"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 20, 2023: **Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet** honoring those who have volunteered with us this past year by hosting our annual Volunteer Banquet. Location: Outreach for Jesus - 440 Battley Dairy Road, Hamlet, North Carolina 283454 beginning at 6:00 pm until 8:00pm.

May 16, 2023: **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 13, 2023: **Volunteer Skills Fair:** will be held in the Conference room 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Sept. 23, 2023:**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.



How To Donate To Hospice

There are several ways to contribute to your hometown hospice. You can donate your time by visiting patients, helping around the offices, helping during special events, in-kind gifts from our Wish List, or sending monetary contributions.

Monetary donations may be given in the following ways:

1. Send a check with your donation by mail to our main address
2. Call directly to our office and make a credit card contribution
3. Visit our web site: www.richmondcountyhospice.com under the tab *GIVE*.

You may donate on behalf of someone, in memory, or in honor of a loved one, friend, neighbor, member of your church, or an employee. You may also contribute out of the goodness of your heart.

*Contributions are welcomed towards special projects such as our **BRICK FUNDRAISING** by buying bricks to help build our “Walk to Remember” and the “Veterans Wall.” More information on this project may be found on our web site. All the funds collected through these projects are used directly and exclusively to benefit current and future patients under our care.*



“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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www.richmondcountyhospice.com
learn more about our programs and services.

Our Contributors enable us to provide Excellence In End-of-life Care

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize these individuals and publicly acknowledge our appreciation for all they've done. With your continued support, we will be able to provide quality compassionate care to individuals in our community in the future. Donations listed were received from September through November 2022.

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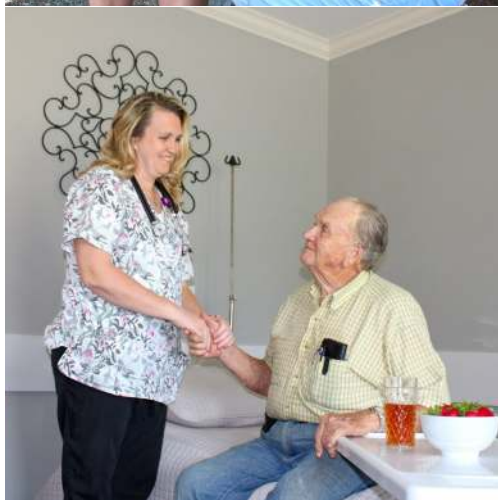
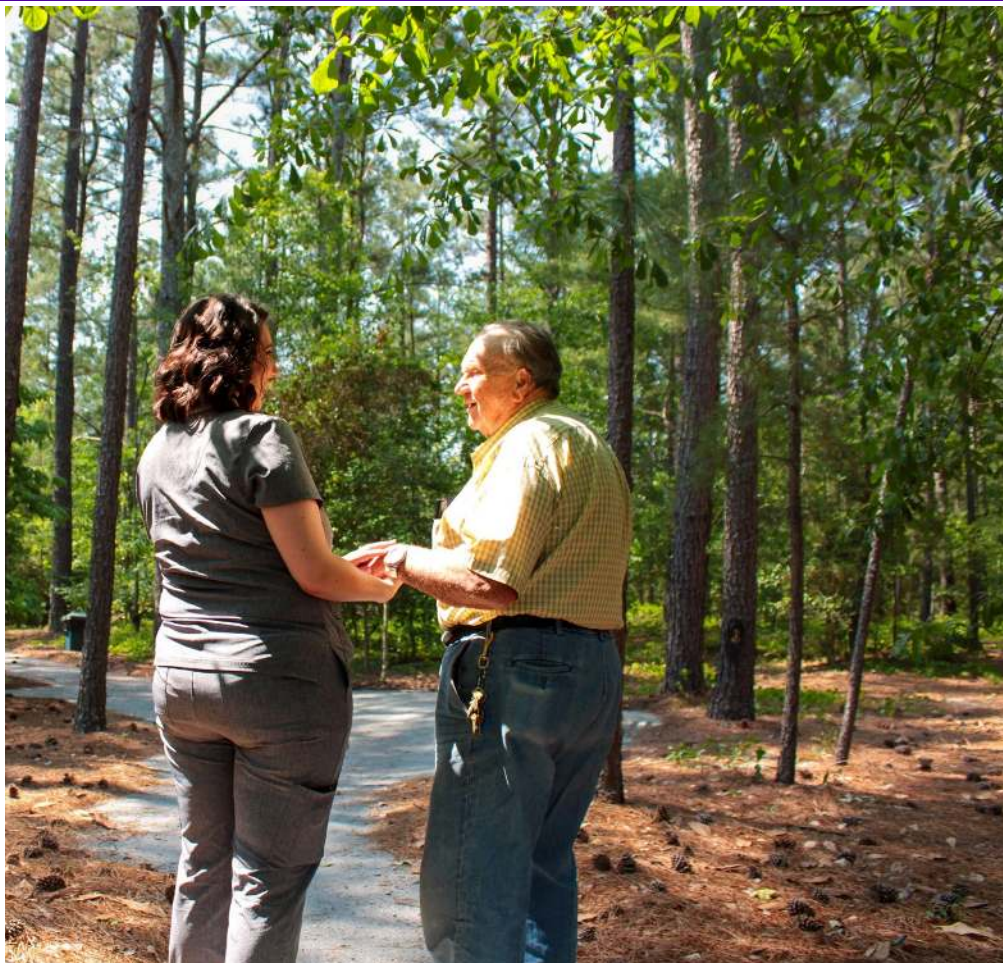
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Crystal Hailey with Jada's Helping Hand; Arturo DeAguilar, Director of Human Resources & Kristina Leyden, CEO from Richmond County Hospice; Mark Gross, Mayor Antonio Blue and Michelle Parrish, Executive Director at United Way.



Mark Gross



Mark Gross, Kristina Leyden, CEO & Arturo DeAguilar, Director of Human Resources



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