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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!

## CANDY CAVALCADE 2024

OCTOBER 24TH WE HELD OUR ANNUAL CANDY CAVALCADE TRUNK OR TREAT ON OUR RICHMOND COUNTY HOSPICE CAMPUS.

THE TRUNKS CAME WITH MORE CANDY THIS YEAR THAN LAST YEAR AND THOUGHT WE WERE ALL PREPARED, BUT THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES CAUSED SOME OF OUR PARTICIPANTS TO RUN OUT OF CANDY AGAIN! THE CROWD WAS AMAZING AND WE HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED IT, SORRY FOR ANY WHO CAME TOWARDS THE END WHEN MANY OF OUR TRUNKS HAD TO SHUT DOWN! WE WILL JUST HAVE TO UP THE CANDY AGAIN FOR NEXT YEAR!

THE TRUNK WINNERS WERE AS FOLLOWS-

OUTSIDE INDIVIDUALS/BUSINESSES:

1ST PLACE- DAYMARK OF ROCKINGHAM WITH THEIR HUGE PIRATE SHIP MAST AND 2ND PLACE- LPZ FLOORING LLC WITH THEIR "DIA DE MUERTOS" TRUNK

RICHMOND COUNTY HOSPICE STAFF:

1ST PLACE- CORINNE SWINK AS CRUELLA WITH HER 101 DALMATIANS TRUNK AND 2ND PLACE- FRETIA FLINCHUM AS THE GRINCH

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS/BUSINESSES LISTED BELOW FOR COMING OUT AND GIVING OUT CANDY AND SHARING A LITTLE HALLOWEEN FUN WITH THE CHILDREN (AND ADULTS ) IN OUR COMMUNITY! YOU GUYS ROCK!

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CORINNE PUTNAM SWINK

FRETIA FLINCHUM

PAULA DAIGLE

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WE APPRECIATE THE MANY VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF MEMBERS WHO CAME AS "THE SISTERS", "PIRATES", "A HORNED EVIL QUEEN", CHARACTER HOSTS, THOSE WHO GREETED GUESTS, HELPED TO GET CARS- TRUNKS IN PLACE, HANDED OUT VOTE TICKETS, PLACED PUMPKINS FOR VOTING, DIRECTED TRAFFIC OR DID ANY OTHER VARIOUS JOB TO MAKE THE EVENT SUCH A SUCCESS!

WE'RE ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO A BIGGER AND BETTER EVENT IN 2025. OCTOBER 23, 2025- SEE YOU THEN!!





# SALUTE TO VETERANS

## HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED



On Friday November 1, 2024, Richmond County Hospice hosted our 13<sup>th</sup> annual “Salute to Veterans” event on our campus. Participants were welcomed by Jessica Mims, Director of Family Services, and Lisa O’Neal, Clinical Office Coordinator. Richmond County Sheriff’s Office Honor Guard posted the colors and the National Anthem was performed by the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Brass Quintet. Chaplain Paula Daigle provided the invocation, followed by special selections from the RSHS chorus. Kristina Leyden, CEO, introduced guest speaker, Charlie McHarney, Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) United States Air Force.

A history of military branches was provided by AMVETS post 316 followed by Patriotic selections from the band. John Taylor recited “Ragged Old Flag” after which the Honor Guard conducted a 21 gun salute and TAPs was played on bugle. Heavenly Doves provided a dove release during this portion of the program. Richmond County Sheriff’s Office Chaplain, Charlie Tyler, brought the closing prayer. The event concluded with a catered lunch sponsored by Watson-King Funeral Homes from Seaboard Restaurant.

We are honored to provide this special day of celebration for our Veterans. It would not be possible without the support of our generous donors and in-kind sponsors listed below:

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 Richmond County Sheriff’s Office  
 Richmond Senior High School Chorus  
 Richmond Senior High School JROTC Cadets  
 Robin Roberts, County Commissioner  
 Schneider “Ride of Pride”  
 Swank Coffee Shoppe & Handmade Market  
 Terry Jordan  
 John Taylor  
 Marvin Taylor  
 Heavenly Doves, Walter Smith

Make plans to join us this year for our 14<sup>th</sup> annual event to be held on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>!  
 God bless our Veterans and God bless America!









## Light of Life Memorial Service

On Thursday, November 7th, 2024, Richmond County Hospice hosted our bi-annual Light of Life memorial service. This event served as a time of reflection and remembrance for those who have lost loved ones as they continue through their grief journey. The memorial service provides a dedicated space for family members, friends, and our hospice team to come together and share in the collective grief and cherished memories of those who have passed.

The service was held at Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Rockingham, NC. A message of comfort was given by Pastor Travis Wilkerson and special music was provided by Linda Hatcher (pianist), Bruce Holden (soloist), and Paula Smith (miming performance).

The service also included the lighting of a Unity Candle by staff members, as well as the congregational candles as each loved one's name was read aloud. Following the service, our staff served the families a delicious meal provided by Rick's Catering of Laurinburg as a time of fellowship.



### *Hamlet Christmas Parade of Lights 2024*

*Several members of our hospice team and volunteers had a great time planning, preparing for, helping each other get "stage" ready, and being a part of the 2024 Hamlet Christmas Parade of Lights.*

*It's such a fun event for the community and all of the lights on the floats, vehicles, and even people just really put you in a joyful Christmas mood!*

*Thank you Nic Wilkes for your vision for the float and the hard work that you and the crew put in to making it a reality! Thank you also to Lisa Luckey for opening your house to us as we got ready and then preparing soup for our dinner to warm us up when we returned after the parade!*

*What a fun evening we shared with our co-workers and we were honored to win the Community Award for the parade!*







As I travel about the scenic highways of Richmond, Anson, Moore, Scotland, and Montgomery Counties, I see evidence of ministry. Ministry can be defined as providing assistance, comfort, or succor to another being. Early in the morning, I see farmers ministering to their farm animals. I see mothers ministering to their children as they prepare to get on the school bus or enter school. I personally experience a sense of ministry when I purchase my coffee from a smiling high school or college student who pays special attention to my quirky coffee order.

The evidence of ministry hits me in a different way when I enter the world of Richmond County Hospice. Here we see a ministry to those entering their final days or months amongst us other planetary creatures. I see ministry from doctors, nurses, nurse's aides, social workers, volunteers, and chaplains. I see ministry from maintenance folks, bookkeepers, set designers. I see ministry from spouses and siblings. I see ministry from sons and daughters, family friends, and caregivers.

The ministry to those in their final days and months is a ministry of great compassion, expertise, and sacrifice. As you go about your day, recognize those in ministry and offer them support, accolades, and encouragement. Thank them for their service, their sacrifice. Thank them for their great love. It is a spiritual practice made evident through service. It is a spiritual service made evident through acts of love.

“Do everything with great love.” Corinthians 16:14. Just everything!

Paula Daigle, BA/CPE  
Chaplain



# Faith Fellowship

Faith Fellowship is a recent addition to the Richmond County Hospice outreach program! Quarterly, we provide a ministry to those in our community who minister daily. These include pastors, priests, lay ministers, chaplains, and all those who work daily in hospice services. Hospice provides a light breakfast, and past speakers have included Chaplain Paula Daigle and Rev. John Norman Jr., Director of Partnership Development at Campbell University.

John spoke to us about some of the many names of God but focused on the reference to God as "The Beginning and the End". It was a great time of reflection and refueling, reminding everyone in attendance that we are supposed to love others as ourselves, meaning we are not just to love others, but to love ourselves as well. He also reminded us that God is the creator, He is sovereign, and He is the One true God.

We appreciate John coming and sharing with our faith leaders. It was a great way to begin our day, and we look forward to having others join us at our next Faith Fellowship which will be held April 30, 2025 at 10:00 to 11:00 at Richmond County Hospice-1119 US Hwy #1 N. Rockingham, NC.



## *Richmond County Hospice Forever Tree Lighting Service*

On Tuesday, December 10th, at 6:00 PM, our community gathered for a heartfelt and memorable Christmas Tree Lighting Service. Despite the forecast of rain, the weather could not dampen the spirits of the many families who came together to honor and celebrate their loved ones during this special evening. Linda Hatcher began the service by playing the prelude. As families began coming in they started by putting their "In honor" and "In memory" ornaments on the lovely forever tree that was the main focus of the celebration. Kristina Leyden opened the evening with a warm welcome. Following her welcome, James Mims led the congregation in "O Come, All Ye Faithful," inviting everyone to join in song and unity. Jessica Mims then recited the poem "Christmas Without You".

Kristina Leyden returned to the stage to read the names that were being honored, and after, Hollie Smith and Julie Woody read the names of the individuals that were being remembered. The Pinecrest High School Chamber Ensemble provided a special musical performance. Paula Daigle closed the service with a closing prayer and blessing of the meal. Following the service, attendees were invited to enjoy a warm and welcoming fellowship. Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres were served, providing families with a chance to connect, share stories, and embrace the Christmas spirit in a comforting and supportive environment.

This year's tree lighting was a reminder of the strength of the community and the enduring power of love and memory. We are deeply grateful to everyone who joined us and contributed to making the evening so special. Thank you for braving the weather and bringing your light to this cherished tradition.

