



RICHMOND FOREVER TREE

The Richmond Forever Tree Lighting Ceremony, hosted by Richmond County Hospice at the Richmond Campus, brought the community together for a heartfelt evening of remembrance and holiday spirit. The purpose of the event is to remember loved ones who are no longer with us at Christmas and to cherish the ones who remain with us.

Guests enjoyed beautiful prelude piano music by Linda Hatcher, followed by a moving performance from the Richmond Community College Choir. Community members placed ornaments purchased in memory or in honor of loved ones on the Forever Tree, with proceeds supporting the Richmond County Hospice Bereavement Department.

As the candles were lit and the tree illuminated, the campus glowed with warmth, reflection, and unity. Following the ceremony, guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres catered by Hidden Treasures, adding a warm and welcoming close to the evening.







ANSON FOREVER TREE

As the holiday season approaches, we are reminded that this time of year brings both joy and reflection. For many, it is also a season to honor the memories of loved ones who continue to live in our hearts. Anson Community Hospice, Inc. is grateful for the opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate those cherished memories during our annual Anson Forever Tree Ceremony, held at Leavitt Funeral Home.

Each year, the Forever Tree shines brightly with ornaments hung in honor or in memory of loved ones. These symbols of remembrance illuminate the season with warmth and love, reminding us that although our loved ones are no longer physically with us, their light continues to guide our hearts.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all who contributed to the beauty and meaning of this year's ceremony: Joyce Burr for sharing her musical talents on the piano; Pastor Lenora Bennett and Evangelist Brenda Pratt for their uplifting songs; Pastor Anita Thompson for offering a thoughtful and comforting devotion; Jarman and Company for providing the delicious hors d'oeuvres enjoyed by all; and Leavitt Funeral Home for graciously hosting.

The Anson Forever Tree Ceremony continues to be a treasured tradition—one that brings comfort, community, and remembrance during this special time of year.





Local Proclamations for National Care at Home Month

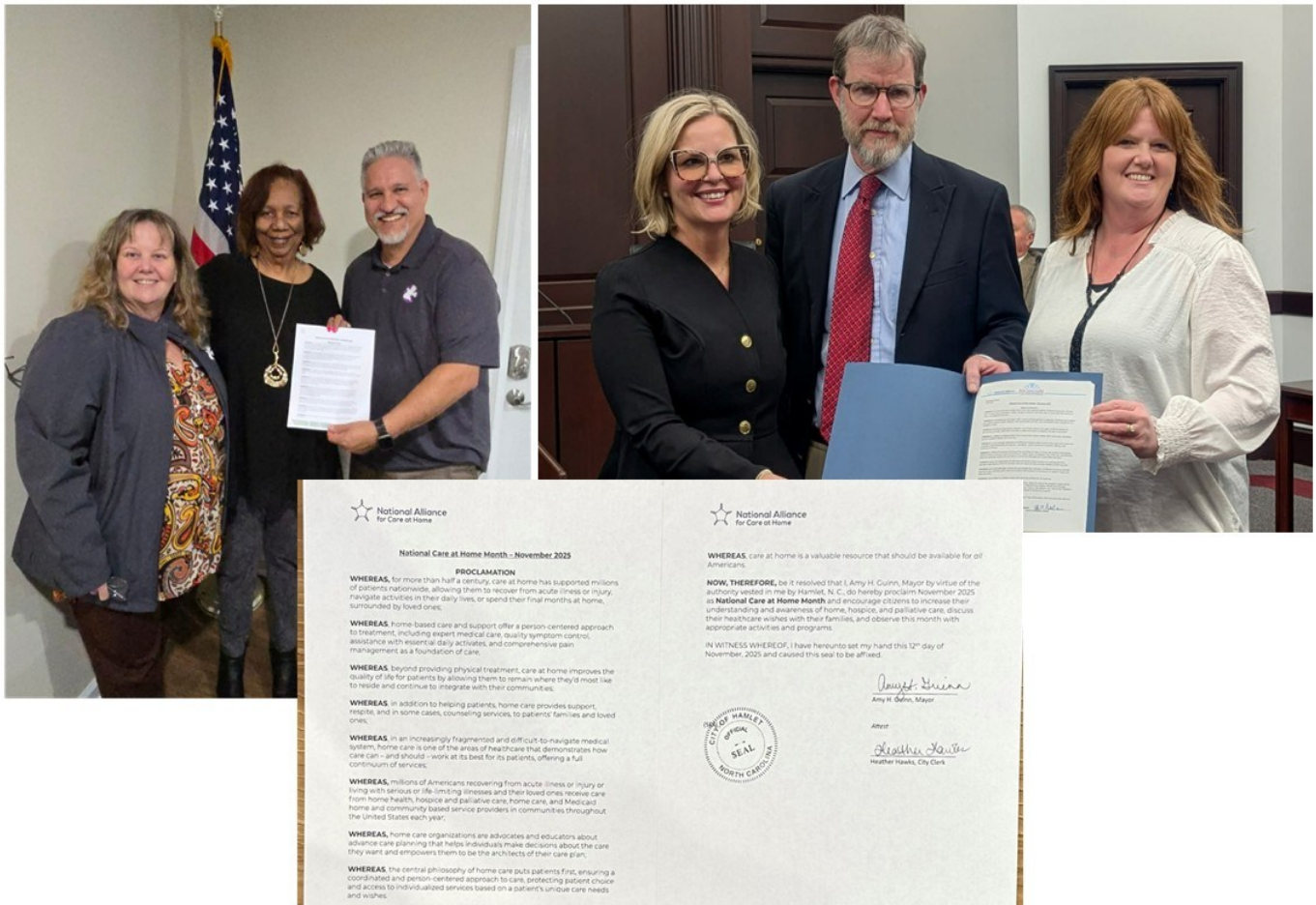
We would like to thank Mayor Brenda Capel of Ellerbe, Mayor Amy Guinn of Hamlet, and Mayor John Hutchinson of Rockingham, for recognizing November as National Care at Home month through proclamations issued at each of their City Council meetings in November.

Announced in 1978 by then President Jimmy Carter, the month of November was established as National Hospice and Palliative Care month to recognize the efforts of those who provide important care end-of-life care and raise awareness about hospice and palliative care.

The National Alliance for Care at Home also recognizes November as National Care at Home Month in an effort to recognize and “bring together the care at home movement, inspire outreach to communities, media, and policymakers, recognize the valuable contributions of provider staff and volunteers, and continue building awareness of care at home.”

In addition to thinking about and thanking team members of all of these home care services, November is a good month to learn more about hospice, palliative, and home care services, think about your end-of-life care wishes, and share with your family what those end-of-life goals and wishes are.

We would also like to take this time to thank our staff and volunteers for the care that they provide for our patients and their families during their end-of-life journey. We certainly would be nothing without each of you.



MEET OUR INTERNS



Akeiba McNeely, SW Intern

My Name is Akeiba McNeely. I am from Monroe, North Carolina, and I hold a Bachelor's degree in Health and Human Services. I am currently working toward my Master of Social Work.

I enjoy trying new things, exploring, and doing activities that challenge me or bring me joy. I also take time to appreciate everyday moments and the simple joys of life.

One of my greatest joys is spending time with my 3 year old son. Motherhood has given me a deeper understanding of patience, growth, and unconditional love.

Lashaun Diggs, SW Intern

My Name is Lashaun Diggs. I am originally from Atlanta, Georgia (DeKalb County). I currently reside in Lilesville, North Carolina.

I am a proud graduate of Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina, where I earned my Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree in May 2025.

I am also an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

Currently, I am pursuing my Master of Social work (MSW) degree at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, where I am in my first semester.

This year, I am completing my field internship with Richmond County Hospice, and I am truly grateful for this opportunity.





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Welcome Our New On Call Spiritual Support volunteer

Julian Wilkins

I am originally from Greensboro North Carolina. I lived in New York City for 20 years.

I am a member of First Baptist Church of Rockingham. I am excited and pleased to be working with such great people at Hospice.

Meet Our New Staff Members!

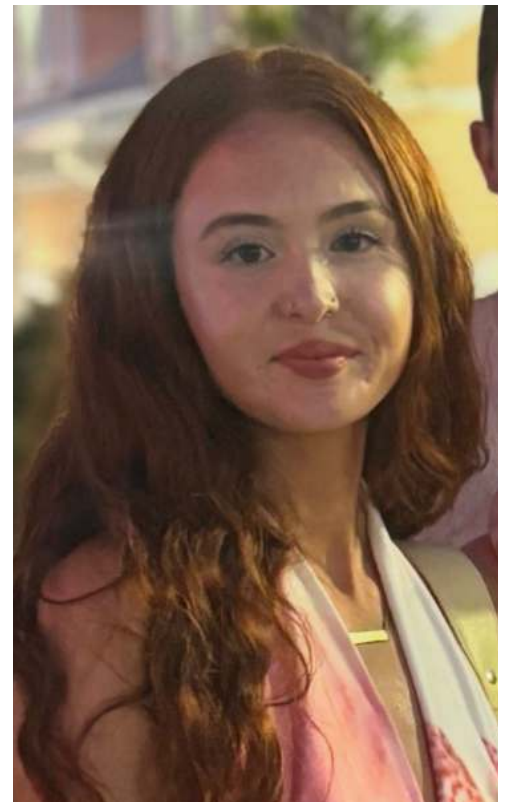
Peyton McCormick

My name is Peyton McCormick.

I'm 21 years old. I was born and raised in Rockingham, NC. Some of the things I enjoy or love doing is to read, crochet and hang out with my pet cats. My favorite color is pink.

My mom, uncle and grandpa were all involved in the healthcare field, so I followed in their footsteps.

I love helping others and taking care of them, and that's the reason I joined Richmond County Hospice this past October and I work both in the field and in our hospice haven!





Jasmine Pegues

Hello my name is Jasmine Pegues

I am a Certified Nursing Assistant with over 8 years of experience.

I attended Richmond community college where I received my certification.

I am from Ellerbe NC, a small little town, in my down time I love to bake and watch boxing and video gaming with my husband and three children.

Martha “Tina” Aaron

Hello my name is Martha “Tina” Aaron. I have been in Nursing since 1974. I worked in Labor and delivery/ Bereavement coordinator for newborns for over 40 years. Worked for Richmond County Hospice in the 80’s. I retired in 2022. This year I have been blessed to have joined the Richmond county hospice family. I am a widow, have 17 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

ANSON COUNTY



Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in the 2025 Wreaths Across America Ceremony held on Saturday, December 13th, at Anson Memorial Park. Your presence and support helped make the day meaningful and reflective as we honored the men and women who served our country.

A special thank you goes to the Anson County Schools JROTC cadets, who respectfully posted and retired the colors during the ceremony and assisted with placing wreaths on veterans' graves. Their dedication and professionalism added great honor to the event.



While we were grateful for every wreath placed, we unfortunately did not have enough wreaths this year to cover all veterans' grave markers. Our hope is to increase wreath sponsorships in the coming year so that every veteran resting in Anson Memorial Park is recognized and honored during the holiday season.

Wreaths Across America is an incredible program that allows communities to come together to remember, honor, and teach - giving back to those who selflessly served in the armed forces. We look forward to growing this effort in Anson County and continuing to honor our veterans in the years to come.





What's Happening

COMMUNITY Outreach

Lisa and Linda enjoyed seeing the Seniors in our community at the annual Richmond County Aging Services Christmas party Tuesday! We hope you all have a joy filled Christmas season!



A group of Richmond County Home School students come into the office to make ornaments for some of our patients to enjoy.

It was fun hearing their laughter and excitement carry through the halls of the Administrative building.

We appreciate them doing this and look forward to sharing their gifts with our patients!



On Nov. 17th was a busy day for several of our staff members as they helped with outreach activities. We started the day with a career fair at Hamlet Middle School and talked with many middle school students as they begin to think about what they want to be "when they grow up". Then we joined with the Backpack Pals in Hamlet to pack the bags for the students this week and restock the packing tables so they will be ready for the team next week. Our team enjoys being able to give back to the community that always does so much to show their support to us!





Out&About

Staff members of Richmond County Hospice giving back to community by helping to pack bags for the Backpack Pals.



October is recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. So, on this last Thursday in October several of our team members wore pink to remember those lives lost to breast cancer, those lives forever changed by breast cancer, and those currently fighting their battle with breast cancer.



Each year as part of our Emergency Management/Preparedness Policy we must have an emergency drill. Last week our staff practiced for an incident that we hope we never have to face in real life with a missing patient/elopement from Hospice Haven. With the help of the Richmond County Sheriff's Office - N.C. our "patient" made some tracks with his walker and left some clues behind as he "eloped" from the building. We enacted two scenarios for which the patient could be found, one using the blood hound from the Richmond County Sheriff's Office - N.C. and the other utilizing the search and rescue team from Hamlet Fire Rescue and EMS. Both agencies provided valuable information and tools that could be used if we ever had to face this situation. Thank you to the Richmond County Sheriff's Office, Hamlet Fire and Rescue, Richmond County (NC) Emergency Services, and Richmond County Health Department for being a part of this drill, giving feedback, and helping to plan this training for our staff.

Upcoming Events!

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: Feb. 7, Mar.7, Apr. 11, May 2, June 6, (July-No Meeting) Aug. 1, Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5. Refreshments served and no cost to attend.

March 13, 2026: Children's Grief Camp (Camp Haven) held at Richmond County Hospice-1119 US Hwy1 N, Rockingham, North Carolina beginning at 7:30 am until 3:30 pm.

March 21, 2026: Cool Cars for a Cause Fundraiser: held at Richmond County Hospice -1119 US Hwy 1 N-Rockingham, North Carolina beginning at 8:00 am until 3:00 pm.

April 14, 2026: Volunteer Banquet: Marketing and Outreach Event beginning at 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm. Place and time (TBA)

April 28, 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

May 14, 2026: Light of Life (Spring) Marketing and Outreach Event beginning at 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Time and place (TBA).

July 21, 2026: Volunteer Skills Fair (Annual Training) will be held in the Conference Room beginning at 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. 1119 Hwy 1 N, Rockingham, North Carolina.

July 28, 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

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 29, 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.

November 19, 2026: Light of Life (Fall) Marketing and Outreach Event beginning at 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Time and place (TBA).

December 1, 2026: Richmond County Hospice Forever Tree will be held -1119 US Hwy 1, Rockingham, North Carolina beginning at 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Marketing and Outreach Event.

December 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 until 8:00 pm. Marketing and Outreach Event.

December 12, 2026: Wreaths Across America held at Anson Memorial Park, Inc. - 1736 Morven Road, Wadesboro, NC beginning at 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm.

SUPPORTING COMPASSION: Why Donating to Your Local Non-Profit Hospice Matters

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

The Power of Community Giving



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

What Your Donation Provides

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

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

More Than a Donation — A Lifeline

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

How You Can Help

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

1. One-Time or Monthly Gift

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

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

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

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

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



3. Planned Giving / Bequests

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



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



5. In-Kind Donations

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

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

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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.

Like us on Facebook

Up to date information on our latest events and activities

Visit our Website at:

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

OCTOBER 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 2025

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