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OUTREACH CONTINUES DESPITE PANDEMIC

With COVID-19 coming in like an unpredicted storm, we did not know what lay ahead of this journey that we call life. It came in and left nothing untouched, as not even weddings, family gatherings, and holiday celebrations were spared from this virus that started a new way of life for people all over the world. With all of these special events being canceled it is very easy to get in a slump that can feel very hard to find a way out of, but as an old African proverb states, "Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors". We will face this storm and overcome it with more knowledge to face the next storm in life. Until then, we have developed some very creative ways to still stay in touch and spend time with our loved ones that we cherish so dearly.

Here at Richmond County Hospice, we made it a point that these uncertain times were not going to stop our support and care of this community. We just had to find a different way of hosting our various events.

Many were modified and some new ways of showing support were created. One of the ways we adapted was our Children's Grief Camp. The grief camp team joined together and created grief camp pails using different crafts that related to coping strategies for grief. We were able to distribute grief pails to the registered students with different staff members taking them directly to the homes.

With our biggest event of the year, Taste of the Sandhills Showcasing Dancing with the Stars, having to be canceled our team joined together to create a Halloween and Christmas fundraiser. Over 120 Halloween and Christmas door hangers were created and hand painted by the staff at Richmond County Hospice. The holiday doorhangers kicked off some of our "new" holiday events here at hospice. Every year we honor the Veterans in our lives by hosting an outdoor Salute to Veterans ceremony. This year we asked members of our community to send in photos of their loved ones that served our great country. A video was created and posted on the Richmond County Hospice Facebook page for the public to view. Although we were not able to gather, we were still able to honor and remember our special heroes in a different way. With Christmas season quickly approaching and being a very different one compared to years gone by, the Christmas spirit was still alive and well. The campus was decorated with garlands and wreaths and twinkling lights bringing light and warmth in the cold of winter. Some of our traditional Christmas events were changed including Forever Tree Lighting. This event went virtual as people at home gathered around their computer screens and watched as we lit our seventeen-foot campus Christmas tree. A new tradition that we all enjoyed involved our staff dressing up as some of our favorite Christmas characters and traveling to the five different care facilities in Richmond County to decorate the windows with Christmas themed clings. The joy that it brought the residents and staff that participated was immeasurable. In Rockingham, a group of business leaders got together and decided to have a Polar Express drive through parade around downtown. We were excited to be asked to participate and with our cast of Christmas carolers, the Grinch, Cindy Lou-Who, and the big man himself, Santa Claus we joined in. You could hear the sound of laughter in the air. Car after car you could see the smiles and joy on the children's faces. Our team brought a touch of magic that night. It also reminded staff of the true meaning of Christmas.

With the holidays ending and having to continue to adapt to change we kicked off our love bug mail Valentine's campaign. We asked children and adults alike to make homemade Valentines to pass out to all our "love bugs" in facilities that we serve as well as our hospice patients to share some love this year on Valentine's Day. The response was phenomenal with close to 800 personalized cards brought to our love bug mailbox. We were able to send "love bug mail" to our patients, the facilities across our service area, and to first responders of our community! We are certain that our patients and facility residents felt the love from their neighbors in Richmond and Anson County.

The past year has been a struggle for many people and businesses. We all have had to learn new ways to stay connected from a distance. We have seen our local restaurants adapt to new rules and regulations, Cole Auditorium has hosted "Car-Certs", and contactless delivery and pick up has blossomed. We all have made changes and overcome hurdles this past year showing how resilient we all are. Albert Einstein said, "In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity." It is up to us to find the opportunity in the challenges we face.

Meet Our Hospice Family

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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!



Richmond County Hospice Welcomes a New Medical Provider Mrs. Susan McDonald, FPN

We welcomed Susan McDonald to our team back in June and we want you to join us in getting to know her a little bit more. Maybe some of you have had the opportunity to meet her in person, through one of her home visits, or at our Haven facility; Susan is part of our Medical Provider's Team, and this is her, sharing some thoughts about herself:

I have known that I would stay in Richmond County and take care of my community, having lived in Richmond County all my life. My name is Susan McDonald.

Healthcare was something I was always interested in and passionate about even though for a brief time I thought I wanted to be a teacher as both of my parents were educators. I felt I had a calling to be a nurse and to work at the bedside helping others and taking care of them.

After finishing nursing school, I began my career as an Emergency Department nurse at First Health Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst. My career has been focused on emergency nursing. I have had the opportunity to expand my knowledge base and experience by having different roles in the emergency department and for the last 7 years as the Assistant Nurse Manager of the Emergency Department at First Health Moore Regional Hospital-Richmond campus. Though both areas have allowed me to continue taking care of members from the community, I enjoyed being able to work directly in the community.

Education has always been extremely important to my family and myself. After finishing nursing school, I immediately enrolled in the BSN program at UNC-Pembroke to complete my bachelor's degree. I always knew I wanted to eventually obtain my master's degree but was not sure of the timeframe for completing this. After many years, I finally decided to enroll in a master's program in nursing and graduated from UNC-Wilmington with my Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner. I started working with Richmond County Hospice in July 2020. I am passionate about taking care of our hospice patients and look forward every day to see who I can make an imprint on their life as well as who makes an imprint on my life. I learn lessons daily and am honored and privileged to take care of all our patients as they are on their end-of-life journey.

I have been married for almost nineteen years to my wonderful husband Eddie. He is one of my biggest fans as well as supporters and I could not have become who I am without him. My greatest gifts are our four children, Ethan age 16, Cooper age 14, Carly age 10 and Kate age 6, and of course I must mention our dog Macey. My biggest and greatest accomplishment in life is being a mother to them. It is also my biggest passion. I strive daily to be as great a parent as my parents have been to me. I love the Duke Blue Devils; this was ingrained in me I think from birth as my dad is a Duke alum. I also love to read and to learn new things. My children call me the "human uber" as we spend many days going to different activities such as sporting practices and dance practices. Daily, I try to live my life in service to others and try to treat others by the golden rule "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." My personal motto is that "I can only change myself." With that in mind I hope to be the change that others want to see in themselves.

NEW STAFF, BELATED WELCOME

It's been a while since I don't write in this column, and there have been many changes Everywhere, even here at Richmond County Hospice. Many times, change is good because It allows us to learn new things and meet new people. Here at Richmond County Hospice we have many new faces and that I would like to introduce to you:



Brooke Tedder: Brooke, with her great smile and soft voice, is a Richmond County Native that came to us via Clinton Hospice in Sampson County. She has more than 6 years of hospice experience under her belt. We are glad to have her with us, back to her hometown!

Megan Furr: A recent Rider graduated from Richmond Senior High School and Richmond Community College as CNA, she is a pistol! Ready to help anywhere she is needed, she brings all the energy of youth and willingness to learn all that she can. She's our youngest staff member currently and possibly ever!



Leslie Gadson: Ms. Leslie came to us as a PRN Nurse, helping at our Haven facility. She brings with her several years of nursing and compassionate care experience in other local facilities. We are happy to have her among our team!



Christine Strickler: A former RCH employee, Christine is a RN that returned to us to continue taking care of all our Richmond County Hospice patients. With her gentle bedside manners and great compassion we are excited about having her as part of our staff.



Latonia Williams: With almost 20 years of Certified Nursing Assistant experience, Ms. Tonia, as we lovingly call her, is one of our newest staff members that we are lucky to have taking care of our Richmond County Hospice patients. Ms. Tonia is a pleasure to work with.



GRIEF DURING A PANDEMIC

Introduction by Bereavement Coordinator ~ Sandy Black

As Bereavement Coordinator of hospice, I was asked to submit an article on Grief During the Pandemic for this newsletter. During my struggle to translate my feelings and thoughts into words on the paper, I had a conversation with my dear first cousin, Lynn, whose father died in January 2021 from COVID. She agreed to share her grief journey with us. While you read her “story,” remember all our grief journeys will be different based on our life experiences. For many, our grief may be much more difficult to navigate due to the multiple losses we have encountered during the pandemic. In addition to grieving the death of a loved one, we are grieving the loss of our normal way of life, the loss of time spent with family and friends at home, at restaurants, concerts and church as well as grieving the loss of celebrating special events and milestones such as holidays, birthdays and weddings.

Lynn’s “story” –

Yesterday I was on Facebook and I saw an update that my cousin had posted. Her father, who just turned 90, had gotten his first COVID vaccination. I immediately thought “Wow, that’s great! I need to tell Dad!” But I couldn’t. My Dad had passed away a month before from COVID. On January 14, 2021.

But that’s not where my story of grief started. It started on July 15, 2019. My mother walked down the hall and her hip broke. The doctors in the hospital had looked at her x-rays and were talking about lesions. We assumed that she had some type of cancer. I was scheduled for a knee replacement the next day. My sister and I decided that I should go ahead and have the surgery done. My mother was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer while I was in surgery. Twelve days later she was gone.

I’ve read several things about the stages of grief. Some say that there are five stages: denial, anger, depression, bargaining, acceptance. Judy Tatelbaum said in “Journeys with Grief: A Newsletter to Help in Bereavement” that there are three stages of grief: shock, mourning, and reinvesting in life. These three stages seem more realistic to me.

The loss of a loved one is still a shock, even if you are expecting it and, perhaps, are grateful. My mother broke her hip on a Monday and on Tuesday she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. By Friday the pain was so intense that she was put on an extreme pain regime. She was never lucid again. All I could say to people at the visitation was that no one should have to suffer with that much pain. But there was still a deep shock. After all, she had been sick, but no one had thought of this outcome even a month earlier.

After she passed away, I learned that she was the one who kept everything running. This combined both shock and mourning. I’m ashamed to say that no one suspected that she was the one behind all the family traditions. That she kept everything going. She had a reputation as a difficult woman, and she had also started forgetting things. We suspected that she was in the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease. In other words, she didn’t get credit for doing nice things. But she was the one who remembered birthdays and anniversaries. She was the one who remembered holidays and made sure that gifts were purchased. She was the one who delighted in entertaining or taking everyone out to eat. Those things didn’t even occur to Dad. This is when the parent/child relationship started changing. I took over some of my mother’s duties, like reminding my Dad of special occasions and buying cards for him to give people. Life changes, just like water creating a new channel when part of a river is cut off. And that is reinvesting in life and creating a new normal.

Fast forward almost 18 months. Dad got sick on Saturday night. On Tuesday he tested positive for COVID. He got weaker and weaker and refused to go to the hospital until he collapsed at home on Thursday. He literally couldn’t move or even pick his head up off of his chest. He could barely summon the energy to speak. I had to help the EMTs get him on the stretcher. As they wheeled him out the front door my daughter heard him whisper “I tried.” He never came home.

Luckily, he was feeling better the next day. It was his 86th birthday. No one could see him at the hospital, but he felt well enough to talk to people on the phone. That was his last good day. For several days we all dared to hope that he would get over the worst and would make it. He was unable to communicate by Sunday and died on Thursday morning. The fact that no one could go to the hospital to see him did not help. While understandable, there is a correlation between seeing and acceptance.

It made it more difficult to truly accept his condition without being able to see him. One of my sisters was in complete denial. For me, not seeing him in the hospital was best. He would not have been aware of anyone and seeing him wasting away was not the last memory that I wanted to have. As one of my sisters said, “I want to remember him standing on the porch and waving goodbye as we left after Christmas.” However, this made his death much more of a shock.

Then came the call on Thursday morning. Even when you’re expecting it, it’s still a shock. But that’s good. It lets you function. I called my sisters and my children. As well as all my cousins so that they could tell their families. I notified his lawyer. I couldn’t stop thinking about things to do. The shock is what helps you break the news to family, friends, and business partners. It helps you go to the funeral home and make arrangements. It helps you to move forward. That’s not to say that everything was fine and we all got along. That was far from the truth. Emotional situations bring out the good and the bad in people. We have been lucky enough to have a family member who is the director of a 911 Call Center, a former EMT and preacher. He specializes in de-escalation. It has been needed. It’s not an easy road.

For me, the shock started to wear off at the funeral. I’m now the oldest person in my family. When my father was buried, I was presented with his flag. He was a veteran. That hit me so hard. I couldn’t stop crying. It was so final.

We’ve made it through so far. Of course, it’s only been a month. We’ve had to go through both Mom and Dad’s things. We did some cleaning after Mom passed away, but Dad wouldn’t let us do much. So now it’s like we’re doing everything. This mourning process hasn’t just been sad. There has been joy and laughter. We’ve gone through Christmas ornaments and stockings. We have memories of so many of the ornaments. We made many of them ourselves. The sadness is always there but we balance it with the good memories.

As for me, reinvesting in life made me take charge of my life. I hadn’t dated in 32 years. I had two disastrous marriages and I wasn’t taking any chances of a third. When I faced the fact that my Dad was going to die, I decided that I wouldn’t sit at home alone anymore. So now I’m seeing someone. I don’t know what will happen, but no one is given any type of guarantee in any kind of relationship.

Some of the things that I have learned:

- You never stop missing them. I used to call and talk to my mom and dad every day, particularly on my way home from work. I still do. I just don’t need a phone anymore. And they don’t answer back.
- Your heart feels broken. Your chest actually hurts. Time does ease the pain. But every so often it comes roaring back.
- You learn that you must pick up the pieces now. There isn’t anywhere else to turn. You no longer have a parental shoulder to lean on.
- You learn that they weren’t perfect. They tried to do their best and so must you. You must forgive and forget, just as you would want someone to do for you.
- That you need to move on and live your life to the fullest.

Thank you Lynn for sharing your grief journey with us. Grief will likely be even heavier for Lynn and the many families whose loved ones died of COVID. The abrupt nature of the disease, the family’s inability to visit, hold a hand or have a proper funeral may possibly deepen the feelings of grief.

It is important to remind ourselves during these very abnormal circumstances of a worldwide pandemic, that grief is a very real and normal emotion. We also need to remember that everyone will grieve in their own individual way based on life experiences, personality type, physical and mental health. Recognizing that although the pandemic has brought us much grief, it has also brought us gifts. We have discovered the meaning of resilience as we have faced challenge after challenge after challenge. We have found strength and courage that we didn’t know we had, gained support and resources that we didn’t know were available and found hope that we didn’t think was possible. So laugh, cry, forgive yourself and others, take one day at a time, accept support, share memories and find ways to honor your loved one’s legacy. Hopefully, you will find your grief will be lighter to carry.



April is National Stress Awareness Month

Stress Awareness Month has been held every April since 1992. Stress can lead to a number of major health problems, ranging from anxiety to severe depression and from mild acne to life-threatening heart attacks, so it is easy to see why it is so vitally important to keep life's major stressors in check. Below is a list of positive ways you can respond to the stress in your life and keep your own stress levels in check.

Make Up Your Mind to Get and/or Stay Healthy: Taking control of your personal health can make a great difference in the amount of stress you feel. The best way to reclaim control of your life is by taking charge of your body, whether it is through diet, exercise, or simply getting that checkup you've been putting off.

Make a Change: Do something different. Even a small change can make a big difference when it comes to stress.

Focus on Now: Focusing on this perfect moment, right now, provides a magical escape from the disappointment of what once was and the fear of what might be, and leaves stress stuck in a time warp.

Talk to Yourself: Give yourself a pep talk by affirming what is right with your life instead of dwelling on what's wrong.

Get the Giggles: Watch a funny show or video, tell a funny joke, or go to a card shop and read funny cards. Whatever it takes, give yourself time for laughter each and every day.

Meditate: A still mind is a stress-free mind, so take a deep breath, quiet your thoughts, and let the stress melt away.

Keep a Happiness Journal: Every evening for the next 30 days spend a few minutes reflecting on the day you just experienced and list five things about the day that delighted you.

Put a Positive Spin on It: No matter what challenge you may be facing, do your best to think about it positively and then let that new positive mindset become your focal point.

Help Someone Else: Sometimes the best way to deal with stress is by providing relief to someone else.

Yes, stress is a common feeling that millions of people around the world experience, but if left unchecked can have a huge effect on our emotional, mental and physical health. It's important to be aware of the symptoms of it and what to do if you're experiencing it.

Community Recognition

Richmond County Hospice recently received community awards from the Chamber of Commerce's Rock Awards and The Daily Journals Best of the Best Awards.

The Chamber of Commerce held their annual "Best of the Rock" Awards for 2020. Richmond County Hospice was honored to have been nominated in several categories and we appreciated all the votes from our community. After the votes were tallied, we were blessed to be a FINALIST in the following categories:

Best Fundraiser

Best Community Outreach Organization

Best Non-Profit

Community Impact

And we were very excited to be the WINNER of:

Best Home Health Service.

In addition to the Rock Awards, the readers and voters of the Daily Journal voted Richmond County Hospice as the **WINNER** of the Best of the Best 2020 Award in the category of **Home Health Agency**.

We love our community and we are honored to provide end of life support for our neighbors.



Pictured Above: Julie Woody, RN, CHPN Director of Public Relations and Nic Wilkes, Creativity Coordinator



Some of the Halloween/Fall and Christmas/Winter door hanger designs Nic created and sold for a fall fundraiser.



Several of our staff and volunteers enjoyed being a part of the Polar Express in Downtown Rockingham.





Thank you to everyone who supported our "You've Been Egged" fundraiser! We hope all of the children (and puppies) enjoyed their hunts!

FOREVER TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Richmond County Hospice, Inc. hosted a special event on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 which combined our Light of Life Memorial Celebrations with our annual Forever Tree Lighting. Our Light of Life Memorial services, which are typically held bi-annually, were canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and severe weather. The December 15th service was streamed live on Facebook in order for families to watch from the safety and comfort of their homes. Families could view the Forever Tree which was beautifully decorated by Nic Wilkes as well as the many name tags displayed on the tree. Names included loved ones being remembered or being honored by families and staff who made donations to the Forever Tree Lighting. In addition, name tags were also placed on the tree in memory of our deceased patients who would have been recognized during our Light of Life services.



Our special event began with a welcome from Kristina Leyden, CEO of Richmond County Hospice. Hospice chaplain, Chris Thornton, followed with a Moment of Silence and Invocation. Bereavement Coordinator, Sandy Black, recited the poem, “Merry Christmas from Heaven” prior to the Forever Tree acknowledgements being recognized by Jessica Mims, Director of Family Services. A message of God’s hope was shared by Pastor Marvin Taylor of Outreach for Jesus Church. Honoring the tradition of our Light of Life services, Hollie Smith, Director of Inpatient Care, read the names of our patients who died during the months of Oct. 2019 through March 2020. Families then enjoyed the special music for the service, a beautiful duet of the song “Knowing What I Know About Heaven” sung by Hannah Taylor and Mike Auten. Julie Woody continued the Light of Life tradition by remembering our patients who died during the months of April 2020 through Sept 2020. The Lighting of the Forever Tree then followed. As families viewed the beautifully lit tree, “Silent Night” was sung. Chaplain Chris Thornton closed the service with prayer.



A special thank you to all the participating staff that braved the cold, windy night including Marvin Taylor III, who provided the sound and Nic Wilkes who rang the handbell. To our patients’ families and staff, we hope the special event served as a time to remember and to honor your loved ones.





Rev. Chris Thornton, Chaplain

Chaplain's Corner

Hello, my brothers and sisters in Christ! I pray that the peace of God be with each of you every day. I wanted to write about the glory of God and our purpose in this life. I can't stress the importance of us grasping this! Learning this will bring you peace, like you have never known. We were sent here to be in this very moment to bring glory to God. Whatever you are facing no matter how bad things may be, God has called us to bring glory to Him. The Lord is our strength to be able to do this and it's only through His grace that makes it possible. Jesus said to His Father in **John 17: 4** *"I brought glory to you here on earth by doing everything you told me to do."*

As I looked deeper in how to bring glory to God and found four ways that will always bring that glory to God.

First, worshipping The Lord will bring glory to God if we are motivated by love, thanksgiving, and delight, not out of duty. Worship is far more than praising, singing, and praying. Worship is a life-style. When we use our life for God's glory, everything we do can become an act of worship.

Second, we bring glory to God by loving each other. It is our responsibility learn how to love as God loves, because God is love, and it honors Him. Jesus said in **John 13:34-35** *"As I have loved so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."*

Third, we bring God glory by telling the world about Him. Once we know the truth, he wants us to share that truth with others. Jesus said in **John 8:32** *"You will know the truth and the truth will set you free."* He wants everyone to be set free from the laws of sin and death!

Forth, being like Christ will always bring glory to God. God wants us to grow spiritually. We should strive to become spiritually mature Christians. Becoming spiritually mature is thinking, feeling, and acting like Christ in every situation. In **2 Corinthians 3:18** *"As the spirit of The Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect his glory even more."* Let us ask ourselves, am I bringing glory to God? What would Christ do in this situation? Am I really worshipping The Lord every day? Who have I shared the Truth with? Have I shown the love of Christ to everyone I have come in contact with?

God Bless and Keep you all!

Rev. Chris Thornton, CPC Chaplain
Richmond County Hospice, Inc.

MARCH IS
SOCIAL WORK
MONTH



Richmond County Hospice, Inc. employs a dedicated group of social workers. Our social workers perform a variety of tasks including: conducting visits, linkage to community resources, assistance with advance directives and offering additional support to patients and families. Social Workers serve as part of the interdisciplinary care team and assist with the mission of providing peace, comfort, and dignity to those we serve. Join us in wishing them Happy Social Work Month!



Jamie McConnell, MSW

After Jamie Connolly completed her internship with Richmond County Hospice for her Masters in Social Work, she accepted a full-time position as Homecare Social Worker at RCH in March.

Standing: Mary Martha Warnock, BSW Home Care Social Worker; Kristina Leyden, MSW, LCSW, CEO; Stephanie Thornton, BA - Inpatient Care Coordinator; Sitting: Shannon Huff, BA, Home Care Social Worker; Jessica Mims, BSW, CHPSW Family Services Manager; Sandy Black, BSW Bereavement Coordinator.

NATIONAL
DOCTORS' DAY

Happy Doctor's Day to our wonderful providers. We are so grateful to have each of you help provide peace, comfort, and dignity to those that we serve.



Dr. Steve Strobel
Chief Medical Officer



Susan McDonald, FNP-C
Medical Provider



Dr. Thai Trinh
Medical Provider



Imagine you were embarking upon a journey. How would you prepare for the trip? What items would you pack for this endeavor? Life has often been compared to a journey, however, many times we are unprepared for the curves along its road. Good health is one of the most precious gifts that we can be given. However, we never know when a serious or critical injury or illness may threaten our health. Just as we prepare for a journey, we too should prepare for such unexpected twists in life.

Annually, April 16 is designated as National Health Care Decision Day. This day is devoted to discussing advance care planning with family and friends. Individuals are encouraged to:

- ◆ Learn about various treatment options
- ◆ Think about your values
- ◆ Talk about your decisions
- ◆ Document your wishes

Some may question why such steps are necessary. But, there are many reasons to explore and implement these steps. Consider the following examples that demonstrate the importance of advance planning:

- ◆ Inability to speak for yourself/voice your wishes
- ◆ Sudden illness or injury
- ◆ Assists in guiding your loved ones with honoring your wishes
- ◆ Gives your loved ones peace of mind

In all honesty, none of us like to think about suffering from illness or experiencing a life-threatening illness. As difficult as it may be for us to consider these issues and make such decisions, it is even more difficult when our loved ones are faced with these decisions on our behalf. Executing advance directives such as a living will, healthcare power of attorney, or five wishes, can alleviate this burden for loved ones.

In many ways, advance care planning is a gift to your family. If you would like additional information on advance care planning, please call (910) 997-4464 and ask to speak to a social worker. Start the conversation today and make your wishes known by giving this special gift to your loved ones!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team



*Mrs. Natalie Barbour, RN/On Call Nurse
is the recipient of the*

Employee Spotlight for the Month of December 2020!

Mrs. Natalie Barbour have been employed with Richmond County Hospice for 4 years and is currently serving as On Call - Registered Nurse.

Tell us about your Family: *I have been married for 33 years. I have a beautiful, 27 year old daughter and an awesome 20 year old son who is still in college at UNC Asheville.*

What do you like most about working with Richmond County Hospice? *It is hard to say because it is something I love to do. I love working with both the patients and family and I love working with the staff. I strongly believe that one of Richmond County Hospice's strength is teamwork. We have each other's back.*

What are three words to describe your role with Richmond County Hospice? *Compassion, reliability, and care giver.*

What advice would you give to new hires? *Take care of yourself. Learn how to balance work, family, and play.*

Where would you go for a dream vacation? *Alaska!*

Do you have a favorite quote or phrase? *"Craziness always works out, so why worry."*

If you would write a book about yourself, what would you name it? *The Many Struggles of Natasha (Natasha is a nickname my family calls me.)*

Tell us the top three highlights of your life? *1) Coming to know Christ, 2) having my children, and 3) becoming a nurse.*

When was the last time you laugh so hard you cried? *It was about a month or two ago. I sat with the family and listened to what they were going through. I can't remember if I said something or if the family said something, but we looked at each other and burst out laughing, we laughed until we cried.*

What are some things that are still on your bucket list? *Going to Alaska and to Yellowstone Park.*

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? *Go camping, hiking, kayaking, computer gaming, and reading.*

*Thank you Mrs. Natalie, 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

*Mrs. Kristina Leyden, Chief Executive Officer
is the recipient of the
Employee Spotlight for the Month of November 2020!*

Mrs. Kristina Leyden (aka) Mrs. K, began working at Richmond County Hospice on June 25, 2012 and has accomplished 8.5 years currently serving as Chief Executive Officer.

Tell us a little bit about your Family: Our family started when Pete and I got married on NYE 19 years ago, since then we have adopted 4 fur babies and two of the most beautiful babies from Guatemala. Sniper and Scout are our two current pups and Kate and Andrew (the two beauties from Guatemala) have entered the wonderful land of “the teen years”. Last year, because two teens were just not enough for us, we had an amazing experience adding an addition teen and new member to our family with our exchange student/daughter, Emma from Slovakia. As a family, we are pretty laid back as long as things remain clean; we laugh, we play, we fight, we love, and my favorite- we celebrate our family traditions. A big part of our family life is being a military family. Pete is currently on his 7th deployment overseas and I am once again holding down the fort. So, I may begin losing my hair or it may begin to turn grey in the next few months as I am single handedly responsible for teaching Kate how to drive. Anyone else want the job?



What are three words you would use to describe Richmond County Hospice? Compassionate employees, excellent care, and business integrity

How do you balance your career at Richmond County Hospice and Family? As a former workaholic, I have not always maintained a healthy work-life balance, but when I am most successful - I overlap some activities (work out of my car during a tutoring session etc.), plan ahead and stay uber organized and prioritize my many lists. The older I get the more I depend on flexibility to be successful in the balance of my home and career.

If you could pick one theme for Richmond County Hospice to turn into a book about the company, what would it be? If it was a book about our patients, I would call it the “Last Chapter” and make it a series of short stories based on different patients and their families as they journeyed through the last chapter of their lives together. However, if the book were more focused on the non-profit business of the company, I would call the book “How the County can make the difference”.

Do you have a favorite saying or quote? “Perfectly imperfect” “I don’t do great things. I do small things with great love.”

What is the name of your favorite restaurant and why? I am not sure I have the one favorite restaurant-I have more regional favorite items or places. For example: Maryland has the best crab cakes. I love going to G&M’s for the best crab cakes. My other favorite Baltimore restaurant is Samos, which is a Greek restaurant with the best salads, gyros, and baklava. In Pennsylvania, I love the donuts from Maple donuts, the soft pretzels from Smitty’s and my very favorite restaurant is El Serrano’s which is a Peruvian place. There is nothing like Aloha Snow, which is shaved ice with your flavoring of choice, but the best part is they had a nice thick layer of marshmallow fluff and chopped peanuts on top. The PA-Dutch food is amazing, chicken pot pie and apple dumplings, and NY has the best pizza and bagels. But now, in the last few years since moving down to NC, we have been checking out all the local places in Richmond and Moore Counties and I love almost anything fried including fried chicken, sweet tea, corn bread, and BBQ. Without a doubt, my favorite places here are the southern local home-grown restaurants!

What are three words that best describe who you are? Obsessively Neat, Caring, and grammatically challenged

What is your biggest pet peeve? I have two big pet peeves, the first one will most likely not surprise anyone, but when anything is out of place or when someone is messy/unkept or does not clean up after themselves. I am a total neat freak. And, secondly, when others display apathy.

Where is the best place you have traveled to and why? The best vacation with the kids so far was to Disneyland, Knott’sberry Farm, Los Angeles, and the Pacific Coast Highway. My favorite place is tied between Maui and Anacapri in Italy.

What is your favorite tv show or movie you love to watch? Every year at Christmas I watch the movie, Love Actually. Not because it is a cinematic masterpiece, but because I love the feeling of “love being all around”. The movie makes me smile. For favorite TV shows it’s probably tied with Friends and Seinfeld.

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? I love to walk; I walk 3-4 miles every morning. I enjoy reading, movies, and binge-watching TV series. I love to bake, clean, put puzzles together with Pete, spend time with my friends and play games. My favorite card game is Dutch Blitz. I love to travel, and our goal is to see all 50 states and at least 25 countries. I spend a great deal of time scrapbooking-digitally now, but I have been scrapbooking since 6th grade and I love all the memories and moments captured on film.

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

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team

*Mrs. Audrey Martin, Patient Care Technician/Haven
is the recipient of
Employee Spotlight for the Month of October 2020!*

Mrs. Audrey Martin began working with Richmond County Hospice on October 28, 2002 and has accomplished 18 years serving as Patient Care Technician at the Richmond County Hospice Haven.

Tell us a little bit about your Family: I have been married for 33 years to my loving husband and we have three children, one grandson and one on the way.

What do you like most about working with Richmond County Hospice? Taking care of the patients and my co-workers.

Before working at Richmond County Hospice, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had? Working at Pizzarem/QSC Leader

What is your favorite part about working for Richmond County Hospice? I like meeting new people.

Do you have a favorite quote or phrase? "Don't worry, be happy"

Tell us three things most people don't know about you. I use to be a bartender, I'm scared of heights, and I love shoes!

What are the top highlights of your life? My family and my friends

What is your favorite dish you love to cook? Porkchops!

Where is your favorite place to travel and why? Going to Colorado to visit my grandson.

What is your favorite TV show or movie? Vikings

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? I love to go to yard sales.



*Thank you Mrs. Audrey, 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

*Ms. Peggy Gatewood, Home Care Primary Nurse
is the recipient of the
Employee Spotlight for the Month of September 2020!*

Ms. Peggy Gatewood began working with Richmond County Hospice on November 1, 2012 and has accomplished 7 years and 10 months working as a RN Case Manager, Home Care Nurse.

Tell us a little bit about your Family: *Me and my family: I don't have birth children but I've helped raise about a baker's dozen. I have a big, fabulous extended family and we are nearly all together at least every other Sunday for lunch at my house, at least until Rona caused us to scale back a little but not too much. Twenty-five of us spent a week together in Gatlinburg in July; never HEARD any cross words, except the 2 year old and the 1 ½ year old, of course, who both wanted the same toys much of the time. I have 2 sisters and 1 brother living and one brother who passed away under the care of Hospice in Texas several years ago. And btw, 19 of us took a plane trip together - yes, all on the same flight, to Colorado several years ago. Not much down time for me but oh how I love them all! Family is definitely what keeps me going.*



What is the favorite part about working for Richmond County Hospice? *The nursing part, most of the time, of course. But I've never had a place of employment in 50 years of working in nursing where there was such a cohesive spirit. I've had very few days here at Hospice when I did not feel like at least a dozen people really had my back. And that makes a world of difference in tolerating the trying times that certainly do come.*

Before working at Richmond County Hospice, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had? *The most interesting job and the most satisfying, almost all the time, was my 10 years in Labor and Delivery and Newborn Nursery - that was, when all went well. And, of course, the most heartbreaking job when things did not go well. Thanks be to God, those were few and far between.*

Do you have a favorite quote or phrase? *"Nothing can separate me from the love of God", paraphrased and shortened from Romans 8:38-39. From Peggy: "My worst day on this job is still better than my good days on my last job".*

Tell us three things most people don't know about you. *1) That I love to sing but if I try to sing alone, I get so terrified, I mess up just about every time. 2) I taught children and teenagers in church for many years, in Sunday School and Bible School, until I got too old to have as much patience as is sorely needed with them. 3) I said many times that I would teach children because I knew enough to fool them if I had to but I would never teach adults. Guess what: I've been teaching adults, nearly all several years older than I am, in Sunday School for about 20 years and I've learned that it's okay that I don't know everything!*

What are three top highlights of your life? *My salvation and relationship with God is number one. The relationships of respect and appreciation that have resulted from my career. My job with Hospice - really - because in many ways it is the least stressful and the most fulfilling job I've ever had.*

Do you have a favorite book you have read lately? *I cannot remember the title but it is a collection of local stories by J. A. Bolton, from Richmond County, and the stories are from the early years of Anson and Richmond Counties, some true and some I don't think are really true. I actually remember hearing about at least some of those people and places from my ancestors. Very interesting local history reading. He writes articles in the Richmond County and Anson County newspapers.*

What is your favorite dish you love to cook? *I must confess I'm a better taste tester or assistant in the kitchen, even a dishwasher, than I am a cook.*

Where is your favorite place to travel and why? *Colorado by far---the Rocky Mountain National Park in the Estes Park area. Played in the falling snow high up in the mountains there on July 3rd one summer. Never thought I'd see a snowball fight in July but I did.*

What is your favorite TV show or movie? *NCIS and NCIS New Orleans cause I like the crime and mystery plus Mark Harmon and Scott Bakula ain't bad either.*

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? *Family gatherings, church activities, and word puzzles. Oh, and playing in my yard with my 2 1/2 year old great great nephew who lives next door. He's a big part of my heart and what keeps me so young!*

**Thank you, Ms. Peggy, 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



*Ms. Stephanie Baldwin, Certified Nurses Assistant-1
is the recipient of the
Employee Spotlight for the Month of August 2020!*

Ms. Stephanie Baldwin began working with Richmond County Hospice on March 25, 2014 and has accomplished 7 years working as CNA Hospice Aide/Field and taking personal care of hospice patients.

Tell us a little bit about your Family: A mother of three beautiful children, De 'Oliver Smith, Courtney Smith and Zion Baldwin.

What is the favorite part about working for Richmond County Hospice? Helping comfort and care for those in need at the end of life - it gives me great pleasure.

What does a typical day look like for you? Family, work, and church

Where is your favorite travel spot? Jamaica!

Tell us something about yourself that would surprise us. I love going on vacation and having others wait on me.

Do you have a favorite quote? Live, Laugh, and Love!!

What was the first concert you have attended? My first concert was Rick Ross!

If you had to eat one meal, every day for the rest of your life, what would it be? Fried chicken!!

You are your happiest when? When I am swinging on the swings at the park. It's relaxing to me.

What is the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery? A house

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? Spending time with my family and working in the yard.

*Thank you, Ms. Stephanie, for all of your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice.
We truly appreciate all that you do and we're so blessed to have you on our Team!!*

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team

*Dr. Steven Strobel, Chief Medical Officer
is the recipient of the
Employee Spotlight for the Month of July 2020!*

Dr. Steven Strobel began working with Richmond County Hospice on November 1, 2014, and has accomplished almost 6 years serving as Chief Medical Officer.

***Tell us a little about your family:** Married to Anne x 37 years - love of my life and the best thing that ever happened to me. 7 kids, 5 of whom are married. 2 grandkids with 3 on the way.*

***What are three words you would use to describe Richmond County Hospice?** Compassionate, assiduous, energetic*

***Before working at Richmond County Hospice, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had?** Pinkerton Security Guard*

***Do you have a favorite quote?** "To love another person is to see the face of God" - Victor Hugo*

***What is the name of your favorite restaurant and why?** Bimini's Oyster Bar - many good memories of gatherings of friends and family with plenty of oysters and beer*

***What are three words that best describe who you are?** Old and worn, but reliable*

***Where is the best place you have traveled to and why?** Honduras Mission trip to large orphanage with 2 of my daughters. Perfect trip for realigning one's life priorities and spending time with my kids*

***What is your favorite TV show or movie you love to watch?** Don't really watch TV, maybe an occasional documentary*

***What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work?** Work on the farm, golf, putter around in my shop. I can fix almost anything.*



*Thank you, Dr. Strobel, for all your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice.
We truly appreciate all that you do and we're so blessed to have you on our
Richmond County Hospice team!!*

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team

*Nic Wilkes, Creativity Coordinator /Landscaper
is the recipient of the
Employee Spotlight for the Month of June 2020!*

Nic Wilkes began working for Richmond County Hospice in June 2017 and has accomplished 3 years.

Your Title and Role at RCH: *My title is Creativity Coordinator, and I am responsible for garden and landscape design on the hospice campus, as well as set design and décor for the events and fundraisers that Richmond County Hospice does each year.*

Tell us a little bit about your Family: *I have a total of 4 siblings- Nyla, Chase, Noah, and Trenton- thanks to my mama and Chad and my Daddy and Allyson ripping away my "Only Child" status at the age of 10!*

What are three words you would use to describe Richmond County Hospice?
Family, Energetic, and a Little Crazy at times

What is your favorite phrase or words you are known to say?
"If you can dream it, you can do it!" Walt Disney

What is your favorite TV show or movie you love to watch? *Hocus Pocus*

If you were to write a book about yourself, what would you name it?
No book writing for me. I don't like books!

What has been your favorite project at Richmond County Hospice?

Well, it's hard to compete with building a Disney castle, but probably my other favorite project was designing the set and costumes for the "We'd be Shipwrecked Without Our Volunteers" volunteer banquet.

Where is your favorite place to eat?

Cracker Barrel, hence my co-workers nickname for me "Pa". For some reason they think only old people eat there! 😊

What kind of music do you enjoy the most?

I enjoy themed music and typically I'm listening to music that relates to what ever project I'm working on, but I also enjoy Contemporary Christian music.

Where is the best place you have traveled to and why?

If you know me at all, I probably don't even need to answer this question, but for those of you that may not know me, it's Walt Disney World- my happy place!

When was the last time you laughed so hard you cried?

I'm not sure exactly, but it was probably at lunch one day at the office and it probably had something to do with Tammy Bull!

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work?

I'm fortunate that I am able to use by hobbies and interests at work. I enjoy all types of decorating, painting, drawing, and really anything creative and artistic.



*Thank you, Nic, for all your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice.
We truly appreciate all that you do and we're so blessed to have you on our Richmond County Hospice team!!*

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team

*Mrs. Jessica Mims, BSW, CHP-SW, Director of Family Services
is the recipient of the*

Employee Spotlight for the Month of May 2020!

Mrs. Jessica “Jess” Mims began working at Richmond County Hospice on April 27th, 2011 and has accomplished 9 years currently serving as Director of Family Services.

Tell us a little about your Family: *I have enjoyed 20 years of marriage to my soulmate, Frank. We have one amazing son, James, who will be 16 in July. I’m grateful for the family God has blessed me with.*

Before working at Richmond County Hospice, what was the most unusual or interesting job you’ve ever had? *I worked with mental health as a Case Manager for children. I also worked with therapeutic foster care children and the school system.*

What is the favorite part about working at Richmond County Hospice? *Each week each December is the best. Oh, and my co-workers are great too. LOL! In all seriousness, I feel blessed to be a part of serving our patients and families...that is the BEST.*

What is your favorite tip for someone seeking employment with Richmond County Hospice? *You have to have the heart for the job.*

What are three words to describe yourself? *Outgoing, Funny, Optimistic*

If you could pick one superpower, what would it be? *The ability to be invisible. You could get some really good information that way!!*

What is your favorite thing in life and why? *Laughter, it really is good medicine.*

Where is your favorite restaurant and what is your special order? *I love Log Cabin or Jay’s Downtowner Restaurant in Albemarle. No special order.*

What is a song title that best describes your personality? *CRAZY - for sure!*

Who is one of your role models and why? *My grandpa Wilson and my parents because they have great faith.*

What kind of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? *I’m a country girl so, I like front-porch sitting, old cars, fishing, church and family.*

Thank you, Mrs. Jessica, for all of 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 Team!!



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team



*Mrs. JoeAnn Smith, NA 1, Patient Care Technician
is the recipient of the
Employee Spotlight for the Month of April 2020!*

Mrs. JoeAnn Smith began working with Richmond County Hospice on March 10, 2015, and has accomplished 5 years as an NA-1, Patient Care Technician at the Hospice Haven.

***Tell us a little bit about your Family:** I AM A ONLY CHILD.
I have four children; fifteen grandchildren and I'm also a
great-grandmother to one smart little three year old great-
granddaughter.*

***What is the favorite part about working for Richmond County Hospice?** I pray that the patients know that my goal is to make them as comfortable as I possibly can.*

***What does a typical day look like for you?** Every day spending time with God.*

***Where is your favorite travel spot?** The beach*

***Do you have a favorite quote?** Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.*

***What was the first concert you have attended?** Fred Hammond's Gospel Concert*

***If you had to eat one meal, every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?** Fish*

***You are at your happiest when?** When I am at CHURCH*

***What is the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery?** A new car*

***What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work?** Walking and reading*

*Thank you, Mrs. JoeAnn, for all of 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 Team!!*

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team

*Mrs. Tammy Driggers, RN/Home Care Case Manager
is the recipient of the
Employee Spotlight for the Month of March 2020!*

Mrs. Tammy Driggers began working with Richmond County Hospice on August 2, 2010 and has accomplished 10 years as an Registered Nurse - Home Care Case Manager.

Tell us a little bit about your family: My father, my sister and my husband of 32 years and 3 dogs.

What do you like most about working with Richmond County Hospice? My fellow co-workers and my patients and their families.

What are three words to describe your role with Richmond County Hospice? Caregiver, Good Listener and Team Player.

What advice would you give to new hires? The day you stop caring for your patients, get another job!

Where would you go for a dream vacation? Any historical place

Do you have a favorite quote or phrase? "Live everyday like it's your last"

If you would write a book about yourself, what would you name it? Something on the line of Green Eggs & Ham" and I want Dr. Seuss to write it!

Tell us the top three highlights of your life? As my nieces call it, my "career" my family and my faith.

When was the last time you laughed so hard you cried? I try to everyday. Laughter is good for the soul!

What are some things that are still on your bucket list? To add something everyday to that list to give me something to work for and look forward to.

What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? My church, church family and reading.

*Thank you, Mrs. Tammy, for all of 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 Hospice Team!*



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