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## Your Choice, Your Hospice

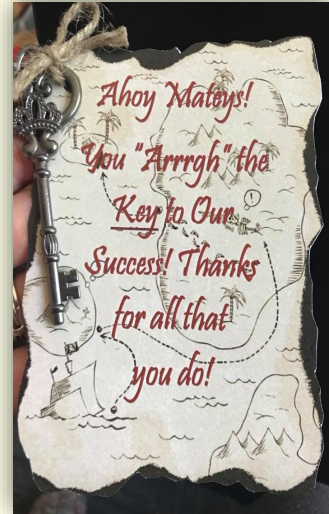
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“Compassionate Care Is Our Calling”

SUMMER 2019

Richmond County Hospice, Hospice Haven & Anson Community Hospice

**Our Volunteers always go over board for us,  
and we'd be shipwrecked without them!**



The annual volunteer banquet was held on April 9, 2019, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Rockingham. Our setting was a pirate town, and volunteers and staff were the captains and crew. Our volunteers enjoyed a catered meal, sponsored by Watson King Funeral Home and Richmond County Memorial Park, along with pirate games including crowd participation, inspirational words from our guest speaker Nancy Boling, and a pirate puppet skit courtesy of Arturo and Ben DeAguilar. All of our volunteers were thanked for their service, with special recognition given to those with more than 40 hours of volunteering since March 1, 2018, and to our annual award winners.

The 2019 award recipients were:

- Church of the Year-Mount Olive Baptist Church
- Business of the Year-Mabry's Drug and Homecare
- Rookie Volunteer of the Year-Kelsey Leigh
- Non-Clinical Volunteer of the Year-Ken Caulder
- Teen Volunteer of the Year-James Mims
- Special Events Volunteer of the Year-Ellen Alston-Richburg
- Bereavement Volunteer of the Year-Barbara Severino
- Mary Heavner Volunteer of the Year-Nancy Boling

We are so thankful to the following businesses and individuals who make it possible for us to provide this special night for our volunteers: Mt. Olive Baptist Church for being so accommodating and welcoming as they allowed us to again use their facility for our event; Nancy Boling for being our guest speaker, what an inspiration!; Watson King Funeral Homes and Richmond Memorial Park for sponsoring the meal for our Volunteer banquet again this year, The Volunteer Banquet Committee who are the best people to work with and make planning this event so much fun; Nic Wilkes for using his incredible talent to make us feel that we were in the middle of a pirate town; and last but certainly not least; a HUGE thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. Volunteers truly do help keep Richmond County Hospice afloat. As always, if you are interested in giving of your time, talent, or treasures to Richmond County Hospice as a Volunteer, please contact Lisa O'Neal at 910-997-4464.

## Meet Our Hospice Family

### HOSPICE NURSE AIDES

Tammy Bull, NA II, CHPNA  
Hospice Aide Coordinator

Tina Blake, NA II

Teresa Graham, NA II

Stephanie Baldwin, NA I

Sybil Oxendine, NA I

Esmeralda Rodriguez, NA I

Annalisa Thompson, NA I

Rebecca Park, NA I

Patricia E. Goodwin, PRN NA I

Kayla Sell, PRN NA I

Misael I. Diaz, PRN NA I

Sarah M. Sheppard, PRN NA I

Angela M. McDonald, PRN NA I

### PATIENT CARE TECHNICIANS

Kay Brewington, NA II

Joeann Smith, NA I

Audrey Martin, NA I

Latoya Ratliff, NA I

Kathy Taylor, NA I

Patricia Armenta, NA I

### HOMECARE PRIMARY NURSES

Lisa Wood, RN,CHPN  
Home Care Team Coordinator

Tammy Driggers, RN,CHPN

Peggy Gatewood, RN

Lori Jenkins, RN

Michelle Rogers, BSN RN

Cayce M. Terry, RN

### INPATIENT NURSES

Shonda Crump, LPN

Deanna Treadaway, RN

Karen Geiger, RN,MSN

Teresa Balzer, RN,BSN,CHPN

Ann Elise Taylor, RN,PT

Kathleen Camp, RN,CHPN,PT

Patricia Wheeler, RN,PRN

Rebecca L. Brand, RN, PRN

### ON CALL NURSES

Johanna Poole, RN, BSN

Natalie Barbour, BSW, BSN,RN

### ADMISSIONS & OUTREACH

Heather Monroe, RN,CHPN  
Clinical Specialist

Teri Norwood, LPN  
Referral Intake Liaison

Lisa O'Neal, AAS  
Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator

Linda Russell  
Volunteer & Outreach Assistant

Ellen Richburg, Outreach & Office Support, PT

Ray Martin, Development & Grant Support, PT

### FAMILY SERVICES

Sandy Black, BSW  
Bereavement Coordinator

Mary Martha Warnock, BSW  
Social Worker

Shannon Huff, BA  
Social Worker

Stephanie Thornton, BA  
Inpatient Care Coordinator  
Social Worker

Christopher Thornton, CPC  
Chaplain

Kenneth Lyerly, MDIV.  
Chaplain-PRN

### MEDICAL STAFF

Dr. Thai Trihn, Hospice Physician-PT

### SUPPORT STAFF

Jane Burnette, Billing/Account Specialist

Jewel Mabe, Clinical Office Coordinator

Kelly Williams, Receptionist/Secretary

Buddy Edwards, Maintenance Technician

Rosa G. English, PT Housekeeping/Admin

Vladimir Tushin, Maintenance/Haven

Lynn Clewis, Stenographer

Nic Wilkes, Creativity Coordinator

### MANAGERS & DIRECTORS

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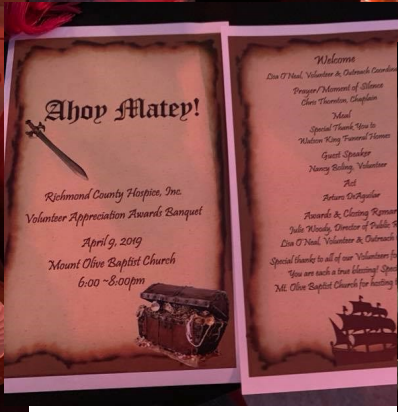
Patti Jenkins

Rev. Chris Hawks

Seth Allen

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!









## LIGHT OF LIFE

On Thursday, May 9th, Richmond County Hospice, Inc., hosted our bi-annual Light of Life Memorial Celebration. Marks Creek Presbyterian Church graciously opened their doors to us as we gathered to remember our beloved hospice patients who had passed in the last six months as well as to provide an opportunity for members of the community to remember their deceased loved ones.

The purpose of our Light of Life services is to cherish the memory of our loved ones while being reminded that we are not alone in our grief. Pastor Ken Goins offered words of hope and comfort to the families and hospice staff in attendance. He shared scripture which promised peace and comfort during a time of grief. The lovely prelude music was played by Linda Hatcher on piano. Soloists, Matthew Burnette and Timothy Driggers, provided the special music for the service. Lighting the unity candle and the memorial candles during the Reading of the Names complemented the beautiful event. The ceremony concluded with prayer and a blessing for the evening's meal. The meal, catered by Rick's Catering, was served in the church fellowship hall which had been beautifully decorated by Nic Wilkes and his family.

We want to thank our hospice families and members of the community for their support. We also want to thank our volunteers who so willingly give of their time and talents. Our special events could not be possible without the support of our community and our volunteers.

The Light of Life Memorial Celebrations are held twice a year, during the months of May and November, at a local church in Richmond County. Members of the community are welcomed to attend. Recognizing that grief can often create a dark and sad place for individuals to overcome, we hope that the Light of Life services bring peace and comfort to the families who are grieving the death of a loved one. The Light of Life services are a time to celebrate the lives of those loved ones who are no longer with us.



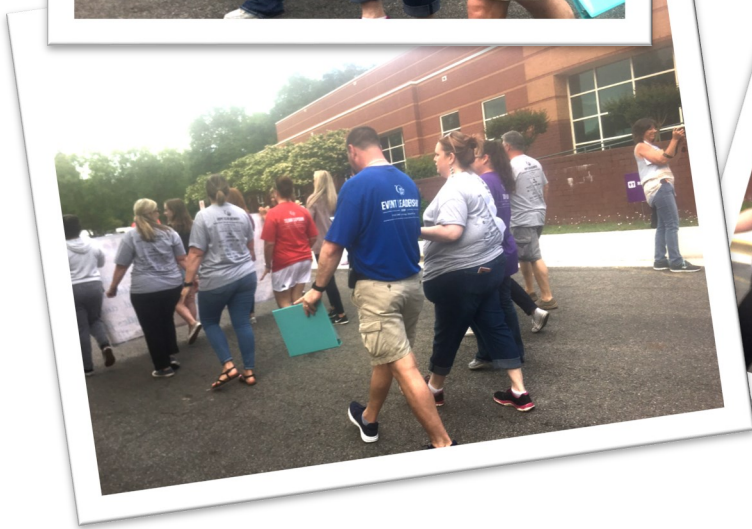


# RELAY FOR LIFE

On May 3, 2019, Richmond County Hospice participated in RELAY FOR LIFE at the Cole Auditorium. Shannon Huff and Mary Martha Warnock were co-captains for our Hospice Relay For Life team. Team members included: Teri McDonald, Ellen Richburg, Faith Jones, Lisa O'Neal, Kristina Leyden, Nic Wilkes, Chris Thornton, Stephanie Thornton, Sandy Black, Buddy Edwards, Linda Russell, Lori Jenkins, Arturo De Aguilar, Lisa Wood, Hollie Smith, and Julie Woody. Various other staff members and volunteers assisted with fundraising and donating items for this event.

There was a total of 22 teams registered for the RELAY FOR LIFE event in Richmond County, and a total of \$42,223.22 was raised overall. Richmond County Hospice ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> place in fundraising by raising a total of \$5782.00. We would like to thank our staff, volunteers, and the community for supporting Richmond County Hospice – “Your Hometown Hospice.”









FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—May 6, 2019

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**RICHMOND COUNTY HOSPICE, INC. Named a 2019 Hospice Honors Recipient**

Rockingham, North Carolina May 6, 2019— Richmond County Hospice, Inc., has been named a 2019 Hospice Honors recipient by HEALTHCAREfirst, a leading provider of billing and coding services, CAHPS surveys and advanced analytics. Hospice Honors is a prestigious program that recognizes hospices providing the highest level of quality as measured from the caregiver’s point of view.

“We are excited to recognize the 2019 Hospice Honors recipients for their hard work and dedication to providing exceptional care,” said Misty Skinner, Executive Vice President of Services at HEALTHCAREfirst. “I congratulate Richmond County Hospice, Inc., on its success in achieving this highest of honors.”

Award criteria were based on Hospice CAHPS survey results for an evaluation period of October 2017 through September 2018. Award recipients were identified by evaluating performance on a set of 24 quality indicator measures. Performance scores were aggregated from all completed surveys and were compared on a question by-question basis to a National Performance Score calculated from all hospices contained in the HEALTHCAREfirst’s Hospice CAHPS database. Hospice Honors recipients include those hospices scoring above the HEALTHCAREfirst National Performance Score on 20 of the evaluated questions. HEALTHCAREfirst holds a special recognition, Hospice Honors Elite, to honor hospices scoring above the HEALTHCAREfirst National Performance Score on all 24 of the evaluated questions. Please visit HEALTHCAREfirst’s website at [www.healthcarefirst.com](http://www.healthcarefirst.com) to learn more about HEALTHCAREfirst’s Hospice CAHPS survey program as well as the Hospice Honors awards.

**Kristina Leyden, MSW, LCSW, CEO, of Richmond County Hospice, Inc., credits the compassionate care of our dedicated employees and volunteers. She said, "We are honored to receive this distinction for the fourth year in a row and pride ourselves on providing quality care to our community. This award serves as a testimony to the staff’s commitment of fulfilling our mission to provide peace, comfort, and dignity to all those we serve."**

**About Richmond County Hospice, Inc.**

Richmond County Hospice, Inc. (Hospice Haven and Anson Community Hospice) is a rural not -for- profit Hospice that has been providing compassion and care to our community regardless of a person’s ability to pay for the past 34 years. Richmond County Hospice is a leading provider for end-of-life care in our communities. As an integral part of the healthcare system, we lead in the innovative planning and provision of quality care to terminally ill patients.

Our mission at Richmond County Hospice is to comfort the body and heal the heart through compassionate, quality care during end-of-life experiences, so patients and families may live each day with peace, comfort, and dignity.

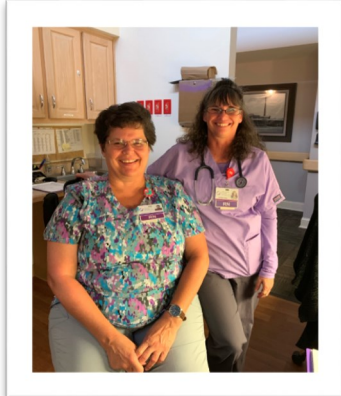
**About HEALTHCAREfirst**

HEALTHCAREfirst provides cloud-based technologies and services to improve business and clinical operations for over four thousand home health and hospice providers across the United States. Based in Springfield, MO, and one of the fastest growing providers of its kind, the company provides agency and clinical management software, outsourced revenue cycle management services (billing, coding, and chart audits), CAHPS surveys, and advanced analytics, in any combination. HEALTHCAREfirst’s breadth of solutions offers agencies a single source to improve patient care, create operational efficiencies, increase profitability and simplify CMS compliance. With HEALTHCAREfirst, agencies can focus on patients instead of paperwork. For more information, call 800.841.6095 or visit the company’s website at [www.healthcarefirst.com](http://www.healthcarefirst.com).

# NATIONAL NURSES WEEK 2019

## Hospice Haven Nurses/PTC's

Hospice Haven is our Inpatient Facility for our acutely ill patients. It also serves as a place for our patients to come so their caregiver can receive a little time to themselves. Half of our patients come for treatment, or a respite stay and then go back home. The other half come here to transition on to their Heavenly home. Care during these times is greatly dependent on our nurses and aides. Regardless of the outcome, it is difficult for patients and families to accept the need for the Haven. Once here, their anxiety melts away due to the compassionate care and open arms they receive from our staff.



At Hospice Haven, we have four full time RNs (including the Director of Inpatient care), two part time RNs, two PRN RNs and one full time LPN. A RN is always on duty around the clock to manage our patient's care while at the Haven. There are six full time NAs. title is Patient Care Technician. From daily bathing to providing a home cooked meal to our patients, our PCTs are on top of it. Our nurses and aides provide exceptional care for our patients and their families.



They pride themselves in maintaining and managing our patient's comfort as well as easing the family's worry. They provide clinical care as well as being a listening ear or a shoulder to lean on. They like to take the extra steps to "wow" all of our guests. It takes a great deal of compassion and understanding to work in this field. All of the nurses and aides across our entire company encompass these qualities. We have the best team anyone could ask for!

Nurse's Week was recognized May 6-12, 2019, and Nursing Assistant's Week-June 13-20, 2019. During November, we join as a Team and show appreciation for each other as well as taking time to reflect on the multiple roles that are required to take the best care of our patients. Thanks to all of our nurses and aides for your compassionate care and diligent work!!! You ladies ROCK!!



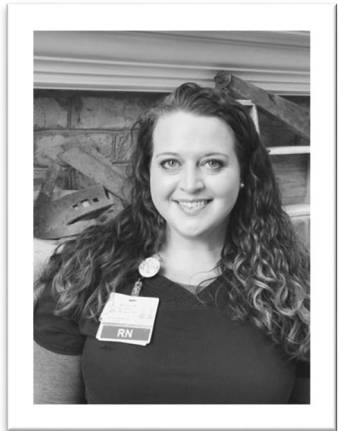


### Hospice Homecare Nurses/Aides

Hospice Care involves a team approach. Our nurses and Hospice Aides play a vital role in providing care for our patients and families. Dignity, respect, comfort, and quality are the foundations of our mission here at Richmond County Hospice. Hospice nurses and aides provide care not only for the patient, but also for the family, addressing physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs during the most vulnerable point in their lives.



Our nurses and aides provide routine, schedule visits each week, which usually last an hour or more. They are also available to make unscheduled visits as needed to manage symptoms or provide additional support. The work of a Hospice nurse or Hospice Aide varies from day to day, depending on the needs of the patient and family. In addition to their routine medical tasks, they are also educators, providing ongoing care instructions throughout the patient's course of care. They are counselors and mediators between patients and families. They meet spiritual needs by praying with the patient and family if they are asked to. They provide companionship by reading to patients or just listening as the patient tells stories of his or her life. Caring for patients at the end-of-life can be unpredictable and exhausting for the patients and caregivers.



It is often a relief to the patient and family to have someone who can anticipate their needs and provide comfort. A visit by the nurse or Hospice Aide may be the highlight of the day for a patient who is no longer able to get out of bed, or for the caregiver who has not left the house or seen anyone else for several days.

Richmond County Hospice is proud to acknowledge that our nurses and aides provide compassionate, quality, end-of-life care to our patients and families.



The week of May 6-12 was recognized as National Nurses week, and the week of June 13-30 was recognized as Nurse Assistant week. We are so thankful for our dedicated nurses and aides and appreciate the important work they do!





The Fourth Annual Taste of the Sandhills Showcasing Dancing with the Stars fundraiser benefiting Richmond County Hospice and sponsored by Mabry's Drug and Home Care will be held Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Cole Auditorium. This year the audience will be taken back in time to the early 1900's on Coney Island for a circus themed event. We are excited that we already have fifteen restaurants confirmed for the Taste of the Sandhills portion of the evening and twelve eager couples lined up to dance for our Dancing with the Stars portion of the evening.

Restaurants/food establishments that's already confirmed to be providing food for the Taste of the Sandhills portion of the evening are: #1 Diner, Char Bar 7, FATZ, Godfather's Pizza, Half Baked, Hickory Tavern, Holiday Restaurant, Hwy 55, Kickback Jack's, Los Cabos, Lowe's Foods, Mama Noi's, Plaza Grill, Rita's Ice & Frozen Custard, and Smithfield's. Couples dancing this year are: Blake Altman & Courtney Odom, Charity Davis & Nikki Fletcher, Cleve Baxley & Sabrina McDonald, Dalton Williams & Tammy Joyner, Ed Ross & Meredith McDonald, Marvin Taylor & Hannah Taylor, Meto & Karen Allen, Neil & Catherine Robinette, Sam Williams & Kary Edmondson, Tavares Bostic & Belinda Whitley, Terrel Everette & Creeta Marshall, and Zach & Rachel Pessagno. Ticket prices are \$40, \$50, or \$60 per ticket and all include both the Taste of the Sandhills and Dancing with the Stars portions of the evening. The \$60 tickets include early entry to the Taste of the Sandhills beginning at 5:30 pm and the \$40 and \$50 tickets will allow you entry to the Taste of the Sandhills at 6:00pm. The Dancing with the Stars portion of the evening will begin at 7:30pm. Tickets are going fast so contact the office at 910-997-4464, one of the dancers, or [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) to get yours today! You certainly don't want to miss out on the fun!



**Our dedicated staff enjoyed a day with the seniors keeping score for the games and hosting lunch for the Annual Senior Games. We ❤️ our community!**



# Monthly Support Groups



## Richmond County Hospice Grief Support Group

On the first Saturday of each month from 10:00-11am in our Hospice Haven living room, we offer a FREE Community Grief Support Group in conjunction with Richmond County Memorial Park. All are welcomed.



## Anson Community Hospice Grief Support Group

On the first Thursday of each month from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in our Anson Community Hospice location (108 Greene Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170), we offer a FREE Community Grief Support Group. All are welcomed to attend.

## Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

On the second Saturday of each month from 10:00am to 11:00am in our Hospice Haven living room, we offer a FREE Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association. All are welcomed to attend.



For more information on our support groups or individual counseling, please call our Bereavement Coordinator, Mrs. Sandy Black at (910) 997-4464 - [sdblack@rchospice.com](mailto:sdblack@rchospice.com)



# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## Get To Know Our Team



*Mrs. Esmeralda Rodriguez, Hospice Certified Nurse Aide I, is the recipient of the*

### *Employee Spotlight for April 2019!*

*Mrs. Esmeralda Rodriguez began working with Richmond County Hospice on June 25, 2013, and has completed almost 6 years working as a Hospice Certified Nurse's Aide I. Mrs. Esmeralda originally moved from Bryan, Texas, and came from a family of nine, the oldest of the girls. She was married in 2000 to her wonderful hardworking husband, Lucio; and they have three beautiful children, Crystal (18), Oscar (16), and Lucio, Jr. (10). They also have a German Shepard dog named General, along with sheep, chickens, and two cats.*

*Let's get to know Esmeralda a little better:*

*What are three words you would use to describe Richmond County Hospice? Caring, Compassionate, and Supportive*

*How do you balance your career at Richmond County Hospice and Family? I put God first and let Him lead my way and use me as an instrument.*

*Before working at RCH, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had?*

*I worked at a Hosiery Mill and also worked at Longworth Textile Industries where we made Outdoor wear for Cabela's. I worked a production job then was promoted to doing payroll.*

*Do you have a favorite quote? "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder" by Margaret Wolfe Hungerford*

*If you were to write a book about yourself, what would you name it? The Energizer CNA that keeps going, and going, and going..,*

*What are three words that best describe who you are?*

*I'm hard worker, a happy person, and very dependable. I love the Lord. I love my husband and my children, and I love my flowers.*

*Do you have a office nickname? "Ezzie"*

*What is your favorite tv show or movie you love to watch? Titanic is my favorite movie*

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

*I like helping whenever I can at church. I love spending time with my family and especially working outside with my flowers.*

*Thank you, Mrs. Esmeralda, for being the kind and loving person that you are. We truly appreciate all that you do for Richmond County Hospice. We are so blessed to have you as part of our team!*

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## Get To Know Our Team

*Mrs. Teri McDonald, Referral and Intake Liaison,  
is the recipient of the  
**Employee Spotlight for May 2019!***

*Mrs. Teri McDonald began working with Richmond County Hospice on January 2, 2002. She has completed 17 years as an LPN/Referral Intake Liaison. Teri is marriage to her husband, Lucas, and they just celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary in April. She has one son, Talan, and two step-daughters, Hailey and Kaitlyn. They also have four fur babies: Jake, Jewel, Grant, and Stella.*

*Let's get to know Teri a little better:*

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

*The way we all come together to achieve the same goal: to give the best care to our patients and families.*

*What does a typical day look like for you? Work, son's basketball practice, family time, and bed.*

*Where is your favorite travel spot? The Beach! I'm moving there one day. My husband has created our own beach in our backyard. That will suffice for now, lol.*

*Tell us something about yourself that would surprise us. I used to be in shape and obsessed with working out. I used to run 2-3 miles a day and do weight training daily. I fell off the wagon bad!*

*Do you have a favorite quote? I have many, but one of my favorites is "Never judge someone by the opinion of others."*

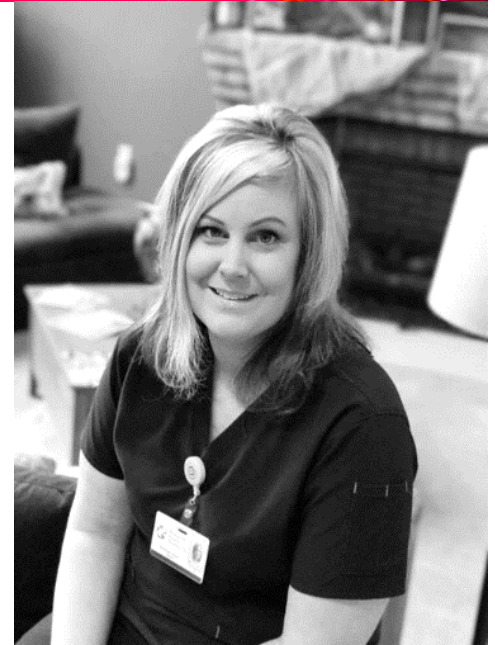
*What was the first concert you have attended? I have never been to a concert but would love to see Florida Georgia Line.*

*If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be? Any kind of Mexican food!*

*You are your happiest when? When I'm with my family, watching my son play on the basketball court, and relaxing in my hot tub or pool.*

*What is the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery? I would buy a bunch of land out in the country. I would build a huge no-kill animal shelter with an Animal Hospice, of course!*

*What kind of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? I love traveling with my son's AAU Basketball team, swimming, spending time with my family, and I love animals.*



*Thank you, Mrs. Teri, for all your hard work and dedication to Richmond County Hospice.  
You are truly amazing. We are so blessed to have you on our RCH team!*



# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Get To Know Our Team



*Mr. Marvin Taylor, Director of Finance  
is the recipient for*

***Employee Spotlight for June 2019!***

*Mr. Marvin Taylor began working with Richmond County Hospice on April 16, 2012. He has completed 7 years working as the Director of Finance.*

*Tell us a little bit about your family: I am married to Windy Taylor and we have been married almost 23 years. We have 2 daughters, Hannah (20), and Harper (5). They look like twins but 15 years apart. "I think God is sitting back, laughing a little at us for having to keep up with a 5 year old."*

*What are three words you would use to describe Richmond County Hospice? Quality, Ministry, and Compassion*

*What is your favorite phrase or words you are known to say? "Never give up"*

*What is your favorite TV show or movie you love to watch? All the NCIS versions*

*What is your favorite scripture? John 3:16*

*Tell us three things about you that would surprise us:*

- 1) I don't like talking about myself*
- 2) I am dancing with my daughter in this year's "Dancing with the Stars"*
- 3) I have been on 6 world series church softball championship teams*

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

*What kind of music do you enjoy the most? Contemporary Christian Music*

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

*Phoenix, Arizona: That is where Dream City Church is and my favorite place to travel.*

*What is the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery? I don't play the lottery; but if the winning ticket fell in my hand, I would pay off Outreach for Jesus Church mortgage first.*

*What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work? 1) Going to Church 2) Golf 3) Raider Football games 4) Behind the scenes work (Audio and lighting)*

***Thank you, Marvin, 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!!***

# What's Happening

## In-Service at the Hermitage

Tammy Driggers, RN was the speaker at the in-service at the Hermitage Retirement Facility, Rockingham, NC.



*Marketing Blitz  
For the Month of June 2019  
We Cover all the bases when it comes to referrals! Thanks for being a part of our ALLSTAR TEAM!*

*And a Invitation to the Durham Bulls Game*



## Anson Advisory Board

Anson Advisory Board meet every second Wednesday of each month to fellowship and outreach in Anson County for Anson Community Hospice.



## Appreciation Luncheon for Dr. Strobel



## In - Service at Hamlet House

Lisa O'Neal, Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator of Richmond County Hospice, held an In-Service on Monday, April 22, at 1:30pm at the Hamlet House. The Topic was Hospice 101.

## Career Day

Julie Woody, Public Relations Director of Richmond County Hospice, was the speaker for Career Day at Rockingham Middle School.



# What's Happening



## "Nacho Average Hospice"

Richmond County Hospice  
May's Marketing Blitz  
Celebrating Cinco De Mayo  
on May 5, 2019



## Rockingham Rotary Club

Rockingham Rotary club had the privilege to once again host nine charity organizations from across Richmond County. Proceeds raised by the annual Auction and BBQ sale help make these grants possible. In total, the Rockingham Rotary club was able to award 18 community charity grants.

## 4th Annual Caregiver & Senior Symposium

The 4th Annual Caregiver & Senior Symposium was held at the Cole Auditorium, Hamlet, NC, on Thursday, June 13, 2019. This event is sponsored by Richmond County DSS/APS, Richmond County Aging Services, Hamlet Senior Center, Area Richmond Transit, and Lumber River Council of Government. Richmond County Hospice had an informational booth at the event, Lisa O'Neal, Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator and Linda Russell, Outreach & Volunteer Assistant were glad to be a part of this event for Seniors.



## Richmond County First Summer League Basketball

Richmond County Hospice played its first summer league Basketball game and won 47-39!!  
Way to go boys!

*Lucas McDonald - These kids played hard the whole game. Proud of them and proud to be their coach!*



## Dementia Friendly In-Service

Thank you Jacqueline Welch and Judy Whitley for coming out last week and providing the Dementia Friends in-service for our staff to help continue with your efforts to make Richmond County a Dementia Friendly Community. For more information on becoming a "Dementia Friendly" organization or business, contact Jacqueline with Richmond County Aging Services at 910-997-4491. Pictured are Jacqueline and Judy along with several of our staff members who attended the training.

## Chamber's Business Expo

Richmond County Hospice enjoyed being a part of the Richmond County Chamber's Business Expo on Wednesday May 22nd! Thank you to each person who came by to visit with us!





# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



*Mrs. Linda Hatcher is our featured  
Volunteer for the month of May 2019!*

*When I retired from Richmond County Schools in 2006, I realized that I would like to keep some structure in my life for sanity's sake. While attending a Hospice-sponsored BBQ at Browder Park, some of the Hospice staff invited me to volunteer. I discounted this at first not realizing the many tasks that could be performed by volunteers. Finally after considering this and thinking about the ways I could contribute, I said "yes." In the six years since, I've not regretted it once. I enjoy meeting people and learning about all the facets of Hospice and how they*

*interact with the patient's families and the community. I'm very blessed to be associated with this organization, and I encourage others to become volunteers also.*



*Ms. Taylor Parrish is our featured  
Volunteer for the month of April 2019!*

*Hello, my name is Taylor Parrish and I am a Senior at Richmond Senior High School. I have been volunteering at hospice since January 18, 2019. However, this is not my first time volunteering at Richmond County Hospice. I basically grew up volunteering here due to my Mom working here when I was younger. This has led me to volunteer at multiple places throughout our community. I am taking a class called CTE Internship at Richmond that allows me to volunteer at hospice. My cluster at the high school is the health science cluster, and they have allowed me to spend part of my day here at hospice. So far, I have folded laundry, baked cookies, washed dishes, and also helped in the office. I am planning to attend Pfeiffer University in the Fall of 2019 where I will pursue my dream of becoming a nurse at one of the best nursing colleges in the state. Richmond County Hospice has allowed me to see first hand the job duties of nurses and has helped me decide that nursing is the career path for me. Hospice has been such a welcoming environment for me to learn and experience everyday job duties for nurses. I am very thankful that hospice has given me the opportunity to volunteer and view how a health care facility operates. I will carry this experience with me throughout the rest of my life.*

*Ms. Jordan Lear is our featured  
Volunteer for the month of March 2019*



*Ms. Jordan Lear, a Senior at Richmond Senior High School, is going to early college at her school. Ms. Jordan started volunteering here at Richmond County Hospice in January 2019. Jordan comes every Thursday; and while she is here, she helps by doing the "Tuck In" calls, filing papers, shredding papers, and anything that is asked of her. With her sweet and caring spirit, we know that she will reach whatever goals she has planned for her future.*

*Thank you so much, Ms. Jordan, we truly appreciate all that you do for Richmond County Hospice!*



## The CHAPLAIN'S Corner



Rev. Chris Thornton

In the world today, we have to face people who are just not happy. They are negative! If we are not careful, negativism can affect and even rub off on us as Christians. We need to look at ways we can defeat negativism. One of the best ways of doing this is making a decision to be an optimistic person. By deliberate actions of our wills, we can decide to have a positive outlook. I know this may sound easy to do, but Satan knows that the battle for our souls starts in the mind. So, a daily decision is necessary to attain this. Concentrating on God's good plan for our lives will help bring victory.

Many people today neglect their devotional life. Devotion is a necessity part to positive living. Be faithful in your time with God. Spend a few minutes alone each day to pray and seek God. Many depend on their own power instead of asking for and depending on God's strength. Keep praying and believing that you can be an optimistic person no matter what is going on in your life.

Spending time with hospice patients has let me see that God's peace can reach people no matter what! Find the scriptures that speak to you the most and start repeating them when you feel a negative attitude coming. Use God's Word as a weapon against Satan when he starts to attack. And always have implicit trust in The Lord because it brings peace, love, and joy. Remember His word in **Philippians 4:8-9** <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

*Rev. Chris Thornton, CPC*

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## FOREVER TREE

Richmond County Hospice invites the communities of Richmond and Anson Counties to share in the beauty of the holiday while celebrating the memory of their loved ones. Our Forever Tree lightings give families the opportunity to remember or honor a loved one by making a \$10 donation for a Forever Tree light. A beautifully bright tree light will be designated for the loved one on the Forever Tree. **An insert has been enclosed in the newsletter for Forever Tree donations.** Donations are used to provide bereavement services in Richmond and Anson Counties.

**Richmond County Hospice** will host the Richmond County Forever Tree service on **Thursday, November 21st, at 6pm**, on the office's front lawn at 1119 U.S. Hwy #1, Rockingham. Donations must be received by **Monday, November 18th**, in order for your loved one to be remembered during the service.

**Anson Community Hospice** will sponsor the Anson County Forever Tree lighting on **Thursday, Dec. 5th, at 6pm**. Leavitt Funeral Home will host the special service in their chapel located at 2036 Morven Rd., Wadesboro. Donations must be received by **Monday, December 2nd**, in order for your loved one to be remembered during the service.

The Forever Tree Lightings are open to members of the community. Please join us this holiday season in honoring and remembering our beloved family members and friends.



# Forever Tree

## Richmond County Hospice ~ Anson Community Hospice

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### • RSVP for Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Will attend the Forever Lighting Tree Ceremony?

Richmond County Hospice: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Anson Community Hospice: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

# CALENDAR of 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 10:00am on the Richmond County Hospice Campus in our Hospice Haven Solarium (2nd building). For more information, please contact Mrs. Sandy Black, Bereavement Coordinator (910) 997-4464 or Ext. 910-817-2757. The dates for our 2019 Grief Support Groups are: Jan.5-Feb. 2, Mar. 2, April 6, May 4, June 1,(No group in July), Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec.7.

**Anson Grief Support Group:** Anson Community Hospice Grief Support Meeting is held on the First Thursday of every month from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at 108 South Greene Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170. This is a free grief support group for the community. If you have cared for or lost a loved one, you are not alone. Each person's journey is different, but together, we can help each other through it. For more information, please contact Mrs. Sandy Black, Bereavement Coordinator - (910) 997-4464 or ext. 910-817-2757.

**Alzheimer's Support Group:** Richmond County Hospice Alzheimer's Support Meeting will be held on the 2nd Saturday of every month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at our Hospice Haven in the Solarium (2nd Building). For more information, please contact Ray Martin at (910) 997-4464 or ext. (910) 817-2756.

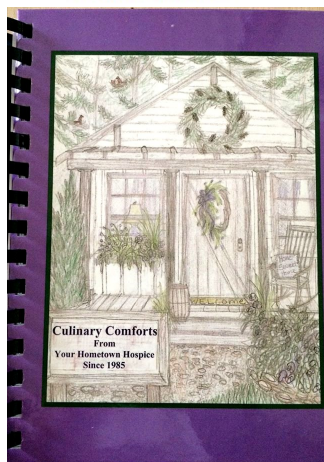
July 30, 2019: **Masquerade Jewelry Sale** - Anson County Office-108 South Greene Street, Wadesboro, NC. Marketing and Outreach Events

Sept. 14, 2019: **4th Annual Taste of the Sandhills featuring Dancing with the Stars** Cole Auditorium, Hamlet, NC. Save the date. Tickets go on sale June 1, 2019.

Nov. 1, 2019: **Salute to Veterans:** Friday, November 1, 2019, Richmond County Hospice Campus-1119 US Highway North 1, Rockingham, NC: Registration at 10:30 am and event will begin at 11:00am. Lunch



We're looking for volunteers, civic groups, youth groups, or church groups who would like to participate in beautifying the garden and walking trail at Hospice Haven. If you are interested, please contact Lisa O'Neal, Volunteer Coordinator/ Outreach at (910) 997-4464.



## Culinary Comforts Cookbook

Richmond County Hospice has cookbooks available for a \$20 donation. With your donation you will receive a Richmond County Hospice 30 year anniversary cookbook, Culinary Comforts from Your Hometown Hospice since 1985. This cookbook contains over 300 recipes, a message from our CEO, and a timeline of our first 30 years. All proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will go to our Benevolent Care Fund. Cookbooks may be purchased at Richmond County Hospice Administrative Office at 1119 US HWY 1 North, Rockingham, NC 28379 or by calling 910-997-4464.



## 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](http://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.*

### In-Kind Donations

Richmond County Hospice and the Hospice Haven are very fortunate to be surrounded by a compassionate community who supports our not-for-profit hospice agency. We are honored to care for patients and families during their end-of-life journey. With support of our faith community, business community, private clubs, civic organizations, and individuals, we are able to provide various items to our patients. Below is a list of “wish” items that are continually needed and will help our patients in their homes or in our inpatient center, the Hospice Haven.

Reminiscence Items: journals, pens, greeting cards, stationary; Laundry Supplies: laundry detergents, fabric softeners; Food and Basic Staples: applesauce (individual cups), bread, cake mixes and frostings, cereal, cereal bars, can sodas (sprite, diet coke, and coke), cookies (snack size packages), crackers, (individual snack packs), Easy Mac, flavored creamers, frozen dinners, fruits, granola bars, individual ice cream, individual yogurts, jelly, juices, microwave popcorn, peanut butter, pudding cups, snacks; Kitchen supplies: aluminum foil, paper plates, napkins, plastic cutlery, Ziploc bags; Personal Supplies: chap stick, conditioner, shampoo, dental floss, Kleenex, lotion, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste; Gift cards and Certificates: gas stations, Lowes, and Wal-mart.



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