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### **Hospice Helps Patients and Families Focus on Quality of Life** **Hospice Cleveland County *Reminds the Community that "It's about how you live!"***

(Shelby, NC) – November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month and hospice and palliative care programs across the country are reaching out to raise awareness about hospice and palliative care. Hospice is not a place but is high-quality care that enables patients and families to focus on living as fully as possible despite a life-limiting illness. Palliative care brings this holistic model of care to people earlier in the course of a serious illness.

"Every year, nearly 1.4 million people living with a life-limiting illness receive care from hospices in this country," said Edo Banach, president and CEO of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. "These highly-trained professionals ensure that patients and families find dignity, respect, and love during life's most difficult journey."

Hospice and palliative care programs provide pain management, symptom control, psychosocial support, and spiritual care to patients and their families when a cure is not possible. Hospice and palliative care combines the highest level of quality medical care with the emotional and spiritual support that families need most when facing a serious illness or the end of life.

As Bob Chadwick, a hospice volunteer at Hospice Cleveland County noted, "Someone asked why I spend time volunteering for hospice. Because hospice was there for my family at a difficult time in our lives, and because hospice professionals provide the highest quality of medical care when people need it most. Why do I volunteer for hospice? It must be love!"

Hospice Cleveland County exists to provide high quality skilled compassionate care and support for individuals with a life-limiting illness, their families, and the community, regardless of their ability to pay. As an organization that values people, we will strive to live this mission by believing in the following: human dignity, compassion, dedication, integrity, stewardship, leadership, service and excellence. A continuous effort to improve our service to our community is our primary goal. If you would like to know more about Hospice Cleveland County please visit our website at [www.hospicecares.cc](http://www.hospicecares.cc) or contact us at 704-487-4677.

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