

Fall/Winter 2018

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A biannual communication from Hospice Cleveland County

Celebrating National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

Hospice is not just 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. November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month and hospice and palliative care programs across the country are reaching out to help people understand all that hospice and palliative care offer.



Kathleen Wilson, a volunteer at Hospice Cleveland County noted, “Someone asked why I spend time volunteering for hospice. Individuals and families are very appreciative of volunteers who take time to support them. It could be as simple as putting lotion on their hands, brushing their hair, or reading to them. Just being

present at that difficult time means so much. Hospice staff provides the best care possible when you need it most. Why do I volunteer for hospice? It’s about making a difference in the lives of others!”

In recent months, a number of notable Americans have died. They include Senator John McCain, the queen of soul Aretha Franklin, and former first lady Barbara Bush. In many media reports, they were described as having “given up” on curative care late in their lives. Ms. Franklin opted for hospice care; Mrs. Bush received what was described as “comfort care.”

Throughout the month of November, Hospice Cleveland County will be joining organizations across the nation hosting activities that will help the community understand how important hospice and palliative care can be.

“It is essential that people understand that hospice and palliative care is not giving up, it is not the abandonment of care, it is not reserved for the imminently dying,” said Edo Banach, president and CEO of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. “Hospice is a successful model of person-centered care that brings hope, dignity and compassion when they are most needed. This is one reason that the national My Hospice Campaign was launched this year.

More information about hospice, palliative care, and advance care planning is available at www.hospicecares.cc or from NHPCO’s CaringInfo.org.

Every year, nearly 1.5 million Medicare beneficiaries receive care from hospices in this country, reports NHPCO. Hospice and palliative care programs provide pain management, symptom control, psychosocial support, and spiritual care to patients and their family caregivers when a cure is not possible.

Did You Know?

Inpatient Respite Care (IRC) is available to provide temporary relief to the patient’s primary caregiver. Respite care can be provided in a hospital, hospice facility, or a long term care facility that has sufficient 24 hour nursing personnel present.

(Source: NHPCO - National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization)

Upcoming Events...

Memory Making with Ornaments

Participants will have the opportunity to make Holiday ornaments in memory of their loved one. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Please call 704-487-4677 to reserve your space.

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

10:00am - Noon or 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Hospice Administration Building

Sponsor a Holiday Meal

This year Hospice Cleveland County will again order Holiday dinners for our patients and families who need them. Complete dinners are approximately \$50 each. Any contribution will be appreciated. If you would like to help sponsor a Holiday dinner for a patient and their family, please mail your donation to: Hospice Cleveland County C/O Holiday Dinner 951 Wendover Heights Dr. • Shelby, NC 28150

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Diamond Watch Raffle

Win a 14 carat diamond watch valued at \$4,195! Drawing held on December 14th, 2018 at 7pm at Earl Scruggs Center in Uptown Shelby. Additional drawings will be held for other prizes. You do not have to be present to win. Proceeds support the general operations of Hospice Cleveland County. Tickets are \$20 and available at: Hospice Administration Building, Testa Family Hospice House, The Hospice Store, or online at www.hospicecares.cc.

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Lighting the Way

Please join us on Friday, December 14th as we light the way in Uptown Shelby. For each contribution of \$10, a luminary with the name of the individual to be remembered will be

placed on the Court Square in Uptown Shelby. A special military luminary is also available. Forms can be found on our website at www.hospicecares.cc and must be turned in no later than December 7th, 2018. Proceeds support the general operations of Hospice Cleveland County.

Christmas Card Fundraiser

For a \$10.00 per card donation, we will hand address and mail a beautiful imprinted holiday card stating that you have made a contribution in honor or in memory of your loved ones, friends and / or business associates. Forms are available at the Hospice Administration Building or online at www.hospicecares.cc. Proceeds support the general operations of Hospice Cleveland County.

Wish List Items Needed

If you would like to help us provide care to our patients and families, please consider donating any of these items from our wish list. Items can be dropped off at the Hospice Administration Building located at 951 Wendover Heights Drive during business hours. For more information, call 704-751-3591.

- Non slippery footie socks - male & female
- Short Sleeve Women's Nightgowns (prefer T-Shirt Material, Sizes: Med., Large, XL, XXL)
- Baby Monitors & Hypo Allergenic Baby Wipes
- 16 oz. Cups - Hot & Cold
- Cleaning Supplies: Pine-Sol, bleach, Comet, Ajax, Lysol spray, room deodorizers, dish detergent, laundry detergent
- Dark Washcloths, Kitchen & Bath Towels
- Heavy Duty Styrofoam Plates
- Individual Beverages: canned sodas, fruit drinks, water
- Individual Wrapped Snack Items: cakes, cookies, chips, soups, cereals, fruits, puddings, candy bars, peanut butter, and apple sauce
- Paper Towels, Napkins, Kleenex
- Plastic Forks & Spoons

We appreciate your support!

You Are Important To Us!

Has your contact info changed?

Email us at IncludeMe@hospicecares.cc.

Would you like to be removed from our mailing list? If so, email us at

RemoveMe@hospicecares.cc or contact our office at 704-487-4677 with your request.

Volunteer Needs:

Individuals, groups, musicians to provide music and friendly visits.

Please call 704-751-3547 to schedule.



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Our Mission Statement:

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.

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