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Craven County Hospice



A nurse, two pediatricians and a chaplain inaugurated hospice care in America by founding Connecticut Hospice in 1974 in Branford, Connecticut. Florence Wald, RN had been greatly influenced by the work of Dame Cecily Saunders and the creation of St. Christopher's Hospice in England. The rationale for hospice caregiving was that it was impossible for any one discipline to provide the range of services required. Through a team approach, however, Hospice was able to help terminal patients and families attain optimum quality of life.

By, 1979, many forward thinking physicians, nurses and social workers were beginning to catch on to the concept and start forming committees to investigate adding hospice services to their existing practices. The interest about Hospice in Craven County began in January 1980 when representatives of the Home Health Agency met with representatives of Neuse Clinic in a joint effort to identify the need and to determine if this was a cause worth pursuing. The desire was inspired by volunteer and social worker, Carol Pullen and Dr. Verna Barefoot, director of the Health Department. A steering committee was formed and plans began with an information meeting in February of 1980 with Peter Keese, President of Hospice of North Carolina as guest speaker. In May, Dr. Drew Rogers, Dr. Ron Moore and Dr. Ron Preston consented to work together as the Medical Advisors of the program. The committee determined that this was a necessary and worthwhile service to add to the Health Department and the first Craven County Hospice patient was admitted in September 1980. At that time there were only a hand full of hospices in North Carolina, most located in the larger cities, many which had universities and medical schools. Yet, this community in the eastern part of the state, with a county population less than some of the individual cities, was one of this handful. Craven County Hospice was up and running when many were still contemplating the idea.

Dr. Drew Rogers wrote in the June 1981 Hospice Newsletter, "Hospice is a concept, not a building. Because methods of reversing a disease process have run out, does not mean that care or caring for the patient stops. Our Hospice attempts to aid the primary physician in continuing to care for his patient and his patient's families as they go through the dying process. The aim of Hospice is to help all concerned live better. It is presented as an alternative to institutional care." Drew continued, "In Craven County, we are offering terminal patients and their families such a choice...Nursing care, counseling, clergy intervention and volunteer support are made available to the patient and his family and are designed to fit individual needs. Weigh the facts and ask yourselves, which would you choose... institutional care or Hospice.....for yourself, for your loved one, or for your patient? Each answer may be different, but in Craven County, just as in Charlotte, Winston Salem, Durham/Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Wilmington, there is a choice."

Craven County Hospice is extending a special thank you to the community for its vital support, as the hometown leading provider of end-of-life care marks its 35th anniversary. Thanks to (continued on page 2)

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"Your Home Town Hospice For Over 35 Years"

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Hospice is a coordinated palliative and supportive care (physical, psychological, social, and spiritual) for dying persons and their families. Services are provided in the home by an interdisciplinary team of professionals and volunteers. Bereavement care is available to the family.

generous donations and tireless support from the communities it serves, CCH has grown from its humble beginnings to become the leading hospice in New Bern, providing care for hundreds of people living with a life-limiting illness every year.

As CCH reflects back over the last 35 years, it is proud of developing programs and services that are now an integral part of the local community. Its success has been achieved through its professional, dedicated and skillful team of staff and volunteers, the commitment and vision of its directors and the wonderful support it is privileged to receive from the community. In these often challenging times, Craven County Hospice continues to support patients, families and caregivers as it embarks on its 35th year of providing interdisciplinary care, consultation, support and education for those affected by serious illness, death or grief.

Delivering ideal patient care is only possible because this community kindly supports the work we do. Thank you for being among those we call friends, and for your support of the patients and families of Craven County Hospice.

Recipe



S'mores Bars

Yield: 1 1/2 Dozen

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 1 package (10 ounces) large marshmallows
- 1 package (12 ounces) Golden Grahams
- 1/3 cup milk chocolate chips, melted

Directions

In a large saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Add marshmallows, cook and stir until blended. Remove from heat, stir in cereal until coated. Using a buttered spatula, press evenly into a greased 13x9 in. pan. Drizzle with melted chocolate chips. Cool completely. Cut into bars and store in an airtight container.

Craven County Hospice would like to print a Hospice Recipe Cookbook that everyone could enjoy. If interested in sending in your recipe, please mail to: Craven County Hospice, PO Drawer 12610, New Bern, NC 28561 or e-mail your recipe along with a picture to: jwhitley@cravencountync.gov

Happenings at Hospice...

Craven County Hospice offers free assistance to anyone wanting to complete an Advance Directive-Living Will and/or a Health Care Power of Attorney. Please call the office at 252-636-4930, to schedule a time to complete your Advanced Directive. Look for our "Before I Die..."(Bucket List) Board around town. Check it out at The Little Bank until October 22. Then on to the New Bern Get Your Pink On event on Craven Street. Come on down and check us out!

Craven County Hospice welcomes Social Worker Robyn Garrett, MSW to the team. She brings many years of Hospice experience with Mental Health work prior to that. Robyn and her husband moved to the area from Pennsylvania four years ago. Welcome!

Getting Though The Holidays bereavement seminars will be held the first week of November at the Craven County Library. It is a workshop to provide the grieving with tools on how to cope through the holiday season. The evening session will be on Nov. 3 from 6:30 until 8 pm. And the morning session will be on Nov. 5 at 10 am. Please call 636-4930 for more information and to register.

The annual Hospice Memorial Service— a *Time of Remembrance* will be held the first Wednesday in December. The non-denominational service will memorialize the patients who have passed on our service during the past year. A candlelight service is planned with a reception to follow. The Embroiderers Guild makes beautiful embroidered mementos for each family. These mementos will be displayed downtown until the week before Christmas when they will be delivered to the families.

A new program is in the works at CCH. Recently flowers from an event were donated to us and the volunteers were able to divide them up, arrange them in individual vases and deliver them to 20 hospice patients. What a bright and wonderful way to bring smiles to their faces! So with your help we hope to continue this as an added complimentary service to our patients. Please keep us in mind when you are hosting an event, whether it is a wedding, shower or dinner party. We would love have your flowers to share with our patients. We will also accept small and medium vases to arrange them in. Once this program gets going we hope to be able to provide flowers every other week to each of our patients. Please spread the word, we will gladly pick up the flowers and take it from there.

Thanks goes out to the volunteers who have so diligently been helping in the office. Clerical work can be tedious but has to be done. The office staff have been busy converting the diagnosis codes for billing to ICD 10, so volunteers have been answering phones and filing. It has been a tremendous help to the staff. Thanks, guys!

Volunteers and staff have also been busy getting ready for Veterans Day at the Golden Corral. Last year, we handed out notes of thanks to over 1000 Veterans who were treated to dinner by the Golden Corral. It was a pleasure to shake the hands of those who served and to thank them and we look forward to doing it again this November.

Some of our wonderful volunteers: Front row: Bill Haacker, Patricia Kelly, Priscilla Messier, and Morag Cheesman. Back Row: Rebecca Credle, Stanley Trice, Carol Best, Rick Schulhaus, Jane Olstad, Doris Varga, and Pete Donaldson.



Wish List

Have you ever received restaurant gift cards right after you started your diet? Does your book club or alumni association get together for service projects? Perhaps you'd like to help us by collecting and donating new and unused items from our wish list. Thank you!

- Twin XL sheets
- Wipes
- Ensure (or generic)
- Glucerna (or generic)



Thank You!



Craven County Hospice was the recipient of BB&T's Lighthouse Grant and they donated over one thousand dollars worth of personal care items for our Hospice patients. It is through generous donations such as this that we are able to continue to provide the excellent care that we are known for. Many thanks for the community support and hard work in providing this donation to Craven County Hospice.

