



Hospice News

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Craven County Hospice

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Spring Breakfast Fundraiser

We're still buzzing from the incredible support shown at the Spring Breakfast Fundraiser, hosted by the Craven County Health Department Foundation. It was a morning filled with warmth, laughter, and a shared commitment to our community. Over 550 of you lovely folks joined us, bright and early, ready to make a difference. Together, we raised just shy of \$74,000.00! That's right, you read that correctly! Every single dollar will go directly towards Hospice services, helping us enhance care, expand resources, and reach more people in need. We're beyond grateful for your support. Moments like these remind us of the power of community.



Nurse's Week

Nurses week was celebrated May 6-12, 2025. We honored the selflessness, empathy, and resilience of our Craven County Hospice Nurses. Thank you to Martina Owens, Dianne Brideson, Joy Holloway, April Deese, Karen Mohr, Samantha Bedard, and Dell Nolen for all your hard work!



“If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.”

-Dalai Lama



During the final stages of life, hospice nurses play a crucial role in providing comfort to both patients and their families. They offer essential care to manage pain effectively to ensure a peaceful transition. Hospice nurses focus on comfort, respect, and dignity.

Hospice nurses also support families, helping them cope with loss through compassionate care and empathetic listening. They educate families about the end-of-life process, reducing anxiety and helping them make informed decisions that honor the patient's wishes. Known for their personal connections, hospice nurses create an environment where patients feel valued and often become part of the family, providing strength and solace.

The work of hospice nurses is a calling that requires compassion and resilience. At Craven County Hospice, we feel it's important to support and recognize their dedication. Thank you to our Craven County Hospice Nurses!

The end of life deserves as much beauty, care, and respect as the beginning. –Anonymous

Administrative Professionals Day

April 23rd was Administrative Professionals Day. Our Hospice Administrative Staff, Tammy Quick, Samantha Carango, Heather Nowajewski, and Kimberly Zimmer perform all the behind the scenes magic to keep our office functioning seamlessly. Their work may often go unseen, but the impact is felt by every patient, family, and team member. Thank you for all you do!



Certified Nursing Assistants Week

From June 12– 18th we celebrated CNA Week. The work of Certified Nursing Assistants often happens behind the scenes, but it's impact is felt profoundly by those they serve. Their role involves assisting with daily activities such as bathing, dressing, and eating– supporting patients in any way that maintains their dignity and comfort. This hands-on care is important for the overall health and well-being of patients, particularly those who are most vulnerable. Their presence allows families to focus on spending quality time with their loved ones, knowing that their needs are being met with compassion.

To our Craven County Hospice Certified Nursing Assistants: Ashley Farmer, Erica Fields, Jessica Edwards, and Nora Misa we appreciate all you do. Your dedication and compassionate care does not go unnoticed. Each day, you bring warmth and comfort to our patients.



Caregiver Support Group

A message from Craven County Hospice Social Worker, Nancy Becker:

Hello. My name is Nancy Becker and I am the Medical Social Worker for Craven County Hospice. I have worked in Hospice for several years playing multiple roles, including a Bereavement Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator. I have also taken care of loved ones in Hospice as their primary caregiver. I know how hard it is to play this role and how easy it is to not care for yourself as a caregiver. Hence, the reason I started this Support Group for care givers of terminally ill loved ones. This group is open to all who are providing this type of care. I believe care giving can take a toll on us mentally, spiritually, and physically. Thanks for what you do, and I hope you allow this group to support you if you are interested. Nancy Becker, BSW, MS

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP FOR END OF LIFE LOVED ONES

Nancy Becker, BSW BS

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 10:30-11:45 A.M.



51 SHORELINE DRIVE
NEW BERN, NC 28562



NBECKER@CRAVENCOUNTYNC.GOV



252-636-4930



"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do." — Edward Everett Hale

Honoring our Heroes: Military Appreciation Month

At Craven County Hospice Military Appreciation Month holds a lot of meaning, We are honored to care for those who once wore the uniform. Every veteran we serve carries a legacy of courage and commitment. We are equally proud of the volunteers on our team who have served in the military. Their compassion, strength, and shared understanding bring a powerful sense of connection



Community Outreach



Director, Clayton Gaskins and Community Outreach Coordinator, Stephanie Leonard were invited as guest speakers at the New Bern Civitan Club, a nonprofit volunteer service organization dedicated to helping people in our community. It was a pleasure to share more about the mission of Craven County Hospice, the services we provide, and the importance of compassionate end-of-life care. We are grateful for the opportunity to connect with such a caring group of community leaders who, like us, are committed to making a difference in the lives of others. Thank you, New Bern Civitan Club!



Craven County Hospice participated in the Older American Month event held at the Convention Center sponsored by the Craven County Senior Center. This event included many service providers from Craven County coming together in one place for our Seniors to learn more about services they have access to, if needed.

If you would like to learn more about hospice care and explore volunteer opportunities, please reach out to us. You can contact us at **252-636-4930** or email us at hospice@cravencountync.gov. We look forward to hearing from you!



Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

On April 25th, we had the pleasure of honoring our incredible group of Hospice Volunteers with a luncheon at Paula's Italian Restaurant. Surrounded by great food and laughter, we came together to celebrate the compassionate individuals who give so much of their time and heart to our patients and their families. Our volunteers truly are the heart of Hospice. Their kindness, presence, and dedication bring comfort during life's most tender moments and we are endlessly grateful for everything they do.

Dwaine Harris was named Volunteer of the Year in recognition of his exceptional service and commitment. Dwaine has gone above and beyond, and we were so proud to celebrate his well deserved recognition. To all of our Volunteers, thank you. We are honored to have you as part of our Hospice family.



Happy
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
WEEK



Honoring Hospice Volunteer Karen Norman

Over the course of more than nine years, Karen Norman devoted herself to the service of others as a Craven County Hospice Volunteer. Her primary focus was on providing bereavement support, a role that required immense empathy, patience, and understanding. Karen's strong faith was the foundation of everything she did and she will be greatly missed.



"No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another. Thank you." -J. Addison

Upcoming Training

Become a Craven County Hospice

Volunteer

Next Training Session
Sep 9-10
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
2818 Neuse Blvd
New Bern, NC 28562



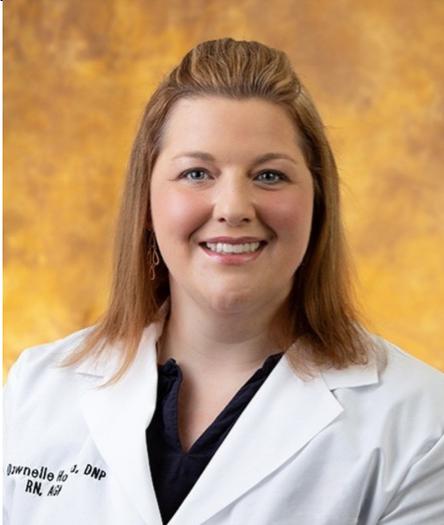
Volunteers provide

- ✓ *Companionship*
- ✓ *Caregiver relief & support*
- ✓ *Bereavement support*
- ✓ *Office/Administrative duties*

Reasons to volunteer

- ✓ *Make a meaningful impact*
- ✓ *Personal fulfillment*
- ✓ *Skill development*
- ✓ *Give back to the community*

Welcome Dawnelle Holadia



Exciting news! We're happy to announce that Dawnelle P. Holadia, AGNP-C has joined the Craven County Hospice team! She brings valuable experience and a caring heart to our Hospice work. Dawnelle has been a resident of New Bern since 2007. Growing up in a military family instilled in her a love for travel. She fosters both children and animals, resulting in a house that is always full and thriving in chaotic environments. Dawnelle has a passion for teaching and learning, and her love for history ties into her enthusiasm for travel. Among the various places she has lived, Italy stands out as her favorite, apart from New Bern. Dawnelle began her nursing career in 2007. She pursued higher education and earned her Master's in 2015, during which she taught nursing. However, she discovered that teaching in a conventional sense was not her calling, as she

aspired to inspire others to learn beyond just passing exams. This led her back to school, and she became a Nurse Practitioner in 2020. Dawnelle has a special fondness for the heart and finds fulfillment in working with Hospice, where she can help fulfill patients' wishes. Living in a small community brings Dawnelle joy, as it feels more like family. She is thrilled to join Craven County Hospice, where she hopes to serve the community in a positive light.

Hospice Memorials

Thank you for your donations in Memory Of:

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Wish List

We are always looking for twin XL sheets which are used by our patients, and baby monitors (new or used) that can be placed in the homes of patients to always have contact with their caregivers. Craven County Hospice gratefully accepts monetary donations. These charitable gifts let us serve those patients unable to pay for such things as respite aides, which are not covered by the Medicare Hospice Benefit. If you would like to make a donation, please contact us (252) 636-4930.

Spring Breakfast Table Sponsors

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