

# Hospice Horizons

NEWS FROM HOSPICE OF THE CAROLINA FOOTHILLS

## Giving Back ... Reaching Out!

*Your generosity makes our work possible*



Patient and donor, Charlie O. Hearon, Jr. with Hospice staff and caregiver

*“I will never get over the kindness and depth of empathy and love that has been exhibited by every member of your hospice team...thank you!”*

On these pages you will read and see the different ways people have chosen to give, so that Hospice of the Carolina Foothills can fulfill its mission. Reimbursement from Medicare and private insurance covers only a percentage of our costs and those costs vary widely depending on the needs of each individual. Without donations from the community—without help from YOU—we simply could not provide the excellent hospice care that people deserve. Your gifts help us help others live fully and meaningfully until the end of their lives.

This issue is devoted to “Giving,” that satisfying act of donating monetary or in-kind gifts to help an organization do its work in the community to make a difference in people’s lives.

From one of our patients...*“now I get it...hospice doesn’t mean the end of life, but something that can open up all kinds of opportunities for me.”* ■

People like this hospice family member ... *“I don’t know how I would have gotten through the days prior to my husband’s death without you. I won’t forget how kind you were to us.”*

Charitable donations are an important resource enabling Hospice of the Carolina Foothills to provide the highest quality of care, compassion and service to our patients, their families and the community. Since 1981, Hospice of the Carolina Foothills has provided for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals and their families who are facing life-limiting illnesses and loss. This exceptional, supportive care is provided to all in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

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### GRATEFUL FAMILIES

Thank you for everything, and especially taking so much fear away concerning dying...Hospice is at the top of my list for annual contributions.

— COLUMBUS FAMILY MEMBER

God bless you and your fantastic program. We would greatly appreciate it if you would please let us know where and how we can make a donation.

— MILL SPRING FAMILY MEMBER

# Look at some of the ways the community helps ...

## 70TH BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISER

In March of this year, **Edie Gill** threw a birthday bash at Spiegel Farms, asking guests to donate to the Hospice House in memory of her husband Lou. Eighty donors made gifts totaling \$6,785! Edie and her family and friends are well aware of the importance of having a Hospice House right here in our own community—Lou died of cancer at Elizabeth House in Hendersonville in 2005.



## EXXONMOBIL'S "VIP"

The Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP), part of ExxonMobil Foundation, encourages employees and retirees to volunteer with non-profit organizations by making contributions on their behalf. Thanks to the countless hours **Joe Phayer**, project manager for Hospice House and member of the board of directors, has put

into the planning and building of Hospice House, the ExxonMobil Foundation has donated \$5,500 towards the project.

## ULTRA MARATHON RUNNER

**David Horner**, husband of hospice employee Sharon Horner, is a passionate marathon runner. For his second run benefiting our Hospice, David ran the 135-mile Badwater Ultra Marathon that began in Death Valley, CA on July 14. Friends, family and community members made a per mile pledge to Hospice House. David has helped raise money and awareness for this project, even capturing the attention of Channel 13 in Asheville who came down to film at the Hospice House site.



## BIG BAND CONCERT

Hospice has a close working partnership with the assisted living and skilled nursing facilities in Tryon, Columbus, Saluda and Inman, SC and from time to time their employees want to express their appreciation for the work hospice does. **Rita Henderson** (not pictured), **Freddie Jones** and **Susan Blair** reeled in **Harry Turner**, of SC shag world fame, to emcee an inaugural concert at Tryon's Rogers Park on Friday, August 15. The Tony Torre Orchestra and crooner Clay Brown surely will fill the seats. Check our website ([www.hocf.org](http://www.hocf.org)) for results of this Hospice House fundraiser! ■



## THANKS TO OUR IN-KIND DONORS ... JANUARY 1 – JUNE 30, 2008

**Chuck Hearon and Carolyn Ashburn** ... for their photographic history of the Hospice House construction (check it out at [www.hocf.org](http://www.hocf.org))

**Friends of Edie Gill** ... for a CD player and 44 CD's for use at the Hospice House

**Gibbs Welding** ... for a flagpole, including installation, at the Hospice House and the offer of crane service for erecting roof trusses

**Green Blades Garden Club** (photo below) ... for flowers and other decorations that beautify our offices and make our events special

**Foothills Village** ... for their gently used office furniture

**A Fletcher NC resident** ... for handmade "butterfly" pillows for our patients

**Foothills Amish Furniture** ... for discounts for the furniture specially ordered for the Hospice House



**Food Lion** ... for baked goods enjoyed at education classes and volunteer gatherings

**Our Hospitality volunteers** ... for donating homemade baked goods for various events

**Bright's Creek** ... for sponsoring an ad to help Hospice and four other local non-profits

**Paul Ayers of Ayers Market** ... for catering and plant discounts

**Kiwanis Club of Tryon** ... for books for the children's playroom at the Hospice House

# And helps ... and helps!

## Thanks to our FAITH Supporters ...

These churches make regular contributions to our Annual Fund, or supply us with in-kind donations of toiletries for patients.

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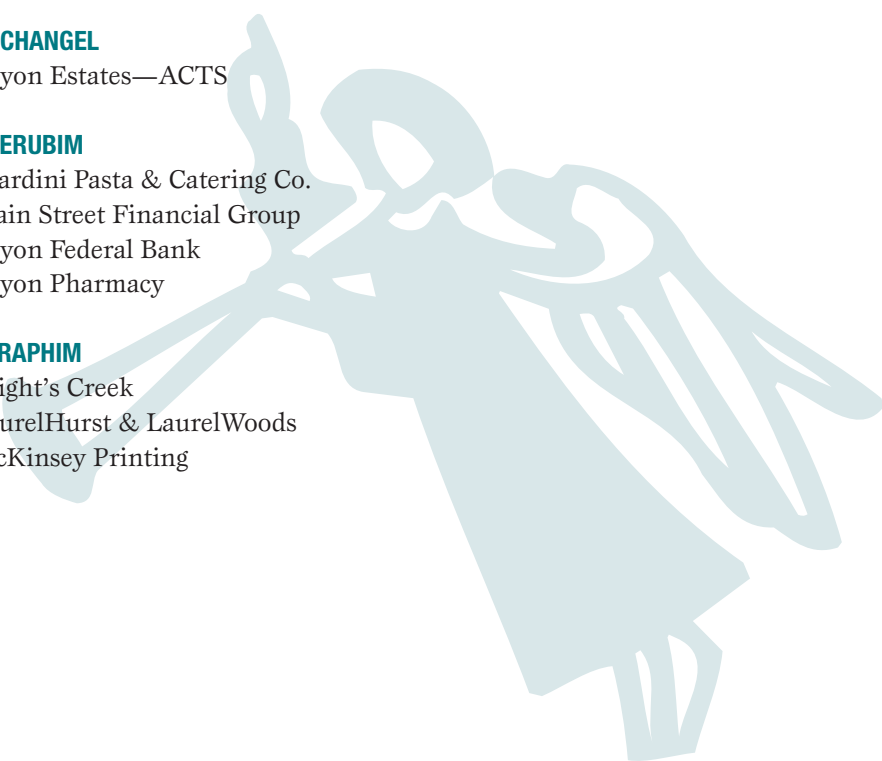
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Hospice of the Carolina Foothills promotes and provides compassionate end-of-life care, meeting the medical, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals and their families.

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**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

# We are expanding services!

*...and your gifts make all the difference*



Jean Eckert with Palliative Care patient Viola Henderson

By the end of 2008, we will have broadened our continuum of care to be of more help to the families who live right here in our own community. Our hospice services, which have been going strong for 27 years, will continue to reach people wherever they reside; our 2-year-old Palliative Care Program, which assists those who are not ready for hospice care but who need help with chronic illnesses, will soon benefit from the addition of a nurse practitioner to the team; and our 12-bed Hospice House located in Landrum, SC will provide expert medical care in a home like setting for those who need very specific pain or symptom management. Add to this our grief support and community education and you have an organization that is doing its best to meet the needs of its citizens.

Who makes this broader net of care possible? You do, as donors to Hospice of the Carolina Foothills. Through your generosity, we are able to provide all of these services to a wide, two-state service area full of residents who depend on us, regardless of their ability to pay.

As the cost of health care rises in our country, reimbursement from Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance falls further behind the true expenses of health care. Medical equipment and medications are also rising in cost. Your gifts help make up the difference and allow us to serve more people and to serve them with

highly skilled, compassionate staff and trained volunteers who are able to give patients and families the support they need.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations whose gifts every year enable Hospice of the Carolina Foothills to provide assistance to patients and families in our care. And to all who have been supporting us through the years, a big “thank you” for your faithful role in helping us help others at a very precious time of life. ■

Jean H. Eckert  
Executive Director



Hospice donors helping at the Hospice House groundbreaking



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January 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008



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One of the most profound and ultimate statements of faith in the future is to give a gift that will ensure the stability and longevity of Hospice of the Carolina Foothills. The simplest way to do this is through a bequest.

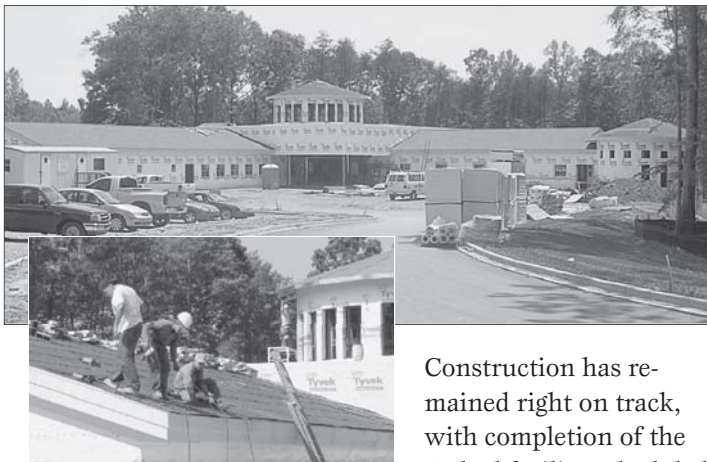
Beloved volunteers, friends, and patients who have put us in their wills over the years have played an important role in enabling us to add a wing to our Administration & Program

Center, build a 12-bed inpatient facility, start a much needed Palliative Care Program, and grow our bereavement services to embrace more of the community, including children.

The value and importance of such a gift cannot be overestimated. It will enable you to live on in the work of Hospice of the Carolina Foothills for many years to come. ■



## Hospice House Campaign Update



Hospice House, June 2008

Construction has remained right on track, with completion of the 12-bed facility scheduled for the end of this year.

Fundraising has resulted

in gifts of \$4.6 million towards the \$6.2 million total project cost. It is not too late to contribute with a gift of any size! Each gift we receive will reduce our borrowing costs.

For a gift of \$150 or \$300, you can **engrave a brick or paver** that will be placed on the Path of Remembrance at the Hospice House. Or make a gift through your church to the

**“Campaign to Build the Chapel.”** The goal is \$125,000, and so far 68 churches and 38 individuals in our two-state service area have given \$101,166. ■

*When my father was dying in the hospital, the chapel was the one place I could escape to where I could find solace and comfort.*

— HOCHF STAFF MEMBER

**YES,** I would like to help Hospice of the Carolina Foothills provide special care!

- Annual Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_ for hospice services, bereavement care, and palliative care
- Hospice House Campaign \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Campaign to Build the Chapel \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Path of Remembrance at the Hospice House
  - 4 x 4 Brick for \$150     4 x 8 Paver for \$300

*See enclosed form for brick and paver orders.*

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

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# Foundation Spotlight

We are very grateful to the **Polk County Community Foundation** for their support through grant awards for the Hospice House from the *Unrestricted Fund*, for a grant award for training for our staff from the *Dr. William R. Bosien Fund*, and for funding for our patients' enjoyment from the *Jean Eckert Reserve Fund* (part of the Kirby Endowment Funds).



The *Jean Eckert Reserve Fund* allows us to take advantage of unplanned, unbudgeted opportunities to bring joy to our patients and their families. Joys like these...

👉 One of our patient's greatest loves was trying out new restaurants. We offered to bring these restaurants to him, and he loved the idea!

👉 We were able to provide three massages for a patient with ALS, which helped relieve some of the pain and anxiety.

👉 For patients with no hearing aids, the staff purchased amplifiers and head sets to improve their quality of life.

👉 A patient had had only one birthday party in her life, and that one was shared with 3 other people. For her 83rd birthday, we gave her a party of her own. ■

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Please call us and request a copy of our 2007 Annual Report or view this report online at our website, [www.hocf.org](http://www.hocf.org)

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