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*Here at Hospice & Community Care, there are so many things we have to be thankful for throughout the year. We are so grateful for our supporters, for all the individuals, groups, and organizations who help lift up our patients and their families. In this month's newsletter we have shared just a few "good news" stories for your enjoyment.*

*We would like to wish each and everyone of you a Happy Thanksgiving.*

Whenever there is an experience  
where you have to be thoughtful, that is a good place for art.

Hembree Sutton recently donated this beautiful painting in response to the care that was given to his wife Betty. He explained that he and his wife were in the hospice house for eight days, and two or three weeks before that they had home care. "The home care, the nurses, everybody associated with Hospice who visited. And when she finally needed to be in the facility, just the care I was given and the attention, and the clear compassion they had for Betty and for me. It meant a lot."

"After seeing the artwork on the walls (in the Hospice House), I don't know that any one piece moved me. But that doesn't mean that it didn't have a huge impact on a lot of other people. I know what art means to me. I wanted to give something to Hospice, just an expression of my appreciation, but also something that may help comfort someone else. A solace for someone else."

Referring to a painting of a black lab in the Hospice House, Hembree recalled speaking with his pastor. "He had seen the painting of the puppy that I had done and he told me it would be perfect on one of these walls. That was when I started thinking about it. I like the puppy. Puppies are cute, they are guileless, they seem vulnerable, just a sweet puppy face. I reflected on that melancholy look that puppy had, and just walking past the other rooms (in the hospice house) and knowing there was a tragedy or drama going on."

To read more, please [click here](#)

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Come out, enjoy a lovely lunch or dinner, and help Hospice &  
Community Care on Giving Tuesday!

## Giving Tuesday 2018

The first Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday, has become known as Giving Tuesday. After so many shopping days, this is a day dedicated to giving back. Since it was launched in 2012, Giving Tuesday has become a movement celebrating philanthropy and motivating communities to support the nonprofits in their regions. In York County, a group of like-minded businesses, non-profits, and community partners have formed #YorkCountySCGives. To date, nearly 70 local nonprofits have joined together under #YorkCountySCGives. To read more about them, [click here](#).

As part of Giving Tuesday, your local nonprofits have partnered with local restaurants. On Tuesday, November 27, you can dine out at any of the participating restaurants and part of the price for your meal will be donated back to their nonprofit partner. Hospice & Community Care has partnered with the Hickory Tavern for the second year in a row. 10% of the cost for lunch or dinner will be donated back to support uninsured and uninsured patient care in our communities. We hope you will join us or support one of our many other nonprofits by dining out on Giving Tuesday.

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## The Caring Closet

We are thankful to all the funders who believed in The Caring Closet and its potential to do great good for our communities. A very special thank you to the Wells Fargo Foundation, The Healthy Carolinas Foundation Board, the York County Community Foundation Board, the Lancaster County Community Foundation Board, and to Family Trust Federal Credit Union for the Community Innovation Award.

We would also like to thank the organizations and individuals who have donated to The Caring Closet. Thank you to those who have contributed durable medical equipment for the use and benefit of those in need, to those who have made monetary donations, and to our very special volunteers who have made the entire program possible.

For those who might not know, The Caring Closet at Hospice & Community Care is a durable medical equipment loan program serving the residents of York, Chester, Lancaster, and the surrounding South Carolina counties. That means that anyone with a DME need can come to Hospice & Community Care or to the Lancaster Resale Shop and request equipment. Durable medical equipment, or DME, includes items such as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, shower chairs, and toilet chairs. Whether you have a teen who needs crutches, or a family member in need of a wheelchair, you can come borrow these items from The Caring Closet for free.

The Caring Closet is open every Thursday from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and other times by appointment on our campus. Or you can go to the Lancaster Resale Shop and request equipment to be transported for loan. To donate equipment or inquire about the availability of specific equipment please call 803-329-1500 or email [CaringCloset@HospiceCommunityCare.org](mailto:CaringCloset@HospiceCommunityCare.org). For more information Hospice & Community Care's Caring Closet [visit here](#).

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## Special Thank you to the York County Flyers

Since 2007, the York County Flyers have hosted the annual Fallen Eagle Fly-in benefit for Hospice & Community Care. This year, the event took place on October 27. Over the past eleven years, this group has selflessly given dedicated themselves toward making this annual event a success. From left to right, Greg Blackwell, President; Robert Russell, Vice President; and Ed Talhame, Event Coordinator.

Greg Blackwell, Board President, explained that the Fallen Eagle Fly-in was an electric only

event. "It is a memorial event where we honor members who are no longer with us. And many of them have used Hospice and that is why we try and benefit Hospice as much as we can. We lost two members this year, and added their names to the Fallen Eagle plaque. This is our last event of the year, and it's always a great event."

"This year we had 27 registered pilots. We have had as many 38 since I have been doing registration. The York County Flyers started out as the Rock Hill Flyers back in the 1970's. They have also operated out of North Carolina before we found the current location."

The York County Flyers did a demonstration event for Bethelwoods Camp for the children with muscular dystrophy. They also did a demonstration for the Rock Hill Airport, and have been invited back for their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. They hold four events a year, and then do numerous demonstrations in the schools. For anyone interested in joining, check out their webpage by [clicking here](#).

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## Pitching and Riding

We are incredibly thankful for Dusty Pearson and Marie Deviney who lead the Pitching & Riding for Hospice efforts. These ladies have given countless hours to make sure that the annual event is successful. Hundreds of Hospice patients and their families are helped by the kind efforts of Dusty, Marie, and the York County community that supports Pitching & Riding each year.

Pictured (L to R) are Marie Deviney, Hospice Board Chair Kathy Patrick Wilson, Hospice CEO Jane Armstrong, and Dusty Pearson.

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## Comfort & Care Campaign

This year, Hospice & Community Care celebrates ten years of service at the Wayne T. Patrick House and thirty-three years as an organization. We have served thousands of patients and their families, continuing to offer the highest quality of care and comfort.

We continue to work tirelessly to care for our buildings, maintaining the same beauty and comfort as when we first opened the doors to this campus ten years ago. But, as with all things, time begins to take its toll. Hospice & Community Care is facing significant capital needs on our campus in the upcoming year including HVAC repairs, building maintenance, and technology needs.

Will you join us in continuing to provide a place of comfort and care to our community by making a gift that will ensure everyone that needs hospice care in our community has access to the very best at the end of life?

To make a gift to the Comfort & Care Campaign, [click here](#).

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