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The Caring Closet

The Caring Closet at Hospice & Community Care is a durable medical loan program serving the residents of York, Chester, Lancaster, and the surrounding South Carolina counties.

For many citizens in South Carolina, the cost of renting or purchasing necessary medical equipment – items like wheelchairs, walkers, commode chairs, canes, crutches, and the like – can be prohibitive, even with insurance coverage. The Caring Closet at Hospice & Community Care seeks to practice sensible stewardship by making use of the material resources already available in our community and sharing them with people in need. Our inventory is comprised of gently used equipment donated for the express purpose of “paying it forward.” There is no income threshold or insurance requirement associated with our equipment loan.

To learn more about the Caring Closet, or to see our hours of operation, please [click here](#).

A Neighbor in Need

Edmund Eugene Duncan knows exactly how the costs related to durable medical equipment add up. “My wife was in a head-on collision and injured her left leg, right ankle, and damaged the vertebra in her neck. She has been confined to a wheel chair ever since the accident.”

The hospitalist sent Eugene’s wife Kathy, known to her friends as “Dinks,” home with a wheel chair, a potty chair, and a shower chair. “They billed us a rental fee of 185 dollars a month. Even though we returned them just days later we still had to pay that amount.”

Eugene said he was speaking to Leslie at the Hospice & Community Care Resale store, and Leslie told him that they had several wheel chairs if they needed one. “The hospital didn’t say anything about the costs, they just billed us. So I spoke with Leslie and we got a wheel chair that was a much better quality. Much nicer.”

"Hospice does a good job helping everyone. My father-in-law was served by Hospice at the Wayne T. Patrick Hospice House for over a month. Because we were able to get this equipment from Hospice to help my wife, we are able to save a \$185/month payment," said Eugene. "When you have hospital bills which keep coming in, that amount on top adds up to a lot."

According to Eugene, Hospice and the Hospice Resale shop help a lot of people. "They are a great organization. Anytime there is a need, Leslie gets something going."

With her return appointments in June, and the possibility of multiple surgeries on the horizon, Eugene is incredibly grateful for the medical equipment to help Dinks.

To read more about Dinks and her story, please [click here](#)

A Vacation Saved

Daisy Kay and her family went to Florida to visit her cousin, and they took her 88-year-old grandmother. And on the way down they stopped in Savannah, GA, a side-trip that required quite a bit of walking.

"We realized that we were going to need some way to get her around where ever we went just because she wasn't able to walk and keep up with us," said Daisy. "When we were leaving out of Savannah, I started looking up places to rent a wheelchair. Our initial plan was to rent a wheelchair to get her around."

Without any idea of where to begin, Daisy looked up the Board of Disabilities in Jacksonville, FL. "I called and asked where I could get a wheelchair. We are just here for the weekend, and where could I rent one. So they referred me to a new number and told me to call that number. The organization had a loaner service. And so I called the number, and the lady asked how many days do you need it, and I told her. She then asked if I had someone who could be there by five o'clock. I said I think so."

"So they told me that all they needed was a name, phone number, and an address. And they were able to borrow a transport chair. They asked about the type of chair we needed if it needed to be lightweight or something that she could move around. I told her that a transport chair would be great. So she had it all set up so that we could pick up a transport chair," said Daisy. "We just had to return it afterward, no cost, no big fuss. It was easy to go get it and use it for the weekend."

To read more about Daisy's story, [click here](#)

Blessing of the Bricks

Please join us. This coming Tuesday, October 9, at 5:30 p.m., we will hold our second Blessing of the Bricks just prior to the Hope and Remembrance Memorial Service in the Sanctuary Gardens on the Hospice & Community Care campus. Everyone is welcome. If you would have questions about this event, please call 803-329-1500, or email us at info@hospicecommunitycare.org.

Honored for Excellence

Last month, Hospices across North and South Carolina met in Charlotte for the 42nd Annual Hospice and Palliative Care Conference. During the opening session, Hospice & Community Care received two awards for excellence in hospice and end-of-life care.

Hospice & Community Care volunteer Sally Lyle received the Judith Lund Person Volunteer Award. This award recognizes a hospice volunteer that exemplifies the hospice concept through their volunteer service. Sally is pictured above, left, with Jane Armstrong, our CEO.

Hospice & Community Care also received the inaugural Hospice Veteran Leadership Award. This award recognizes a hospice provider organization that has excelled in providing Veteran services in the community it serves. Frank Grobusky, our Veteran Services Coordinator, was on hand to receive this recognition. Frank is pictured above, right, with Jane Armstrong, our CEO.

There are nearly 300 hospice providers in the Carolinas. We are proud that Hospice & Community Care continues to be recognized as a leader in hospice care across the region. More importantly, these awards serve as an acknowledgment of the high-quality hospice services that our organization continues to offer our community.

There are a lot of choices for hospice services in our community. As a nonprofit in a field of for-profit hospice providers, these awards demonstrate just another way that our organization uniquely serves the needs of our patients, their families, and our community.

Don't forget our We Honor Veterans: Veteran Coffee

Join local Veterans for coffee and fellowship every fourth Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. on the Hospice & Community Care Campus. Gather for a time of sharing and learning. Periodically gatherings will feature speakers on Veteran-centric topics.

The event is free to attend and open to all Veterans. For more information contact:

Hospice & Community Care 803-329-1500 or info@hospicecommunitycare.org.

Upcoming 2018 Veteran Coffee Dates: October 25

To learn more about our We Honor Veterans program [visit HERE](#)

Donations and Memorial Gifts

Donations are essential to allowing Hospice & Community Care to provide the highest quality of care, compassion, and service to our patients, their families, and the community. Will you please consider making a gift to Hospice & Community Care?

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