



# THE COMPASS

Celebrating 45 Years of Caring

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Carolina Caring's mission has sustained itself for 45 years. Serving the community with supportive, compassionate, expert care that is shaping the way individuals view death and dying everyday.



# CARE CONNECTION with Tara



As we gear up for the fall fundraising season, we are excited to showcase how your donations and assistance to the Carolina Caring Foundation have made an impact this year through our inaugural edition of “The Compass.” This newsletter will highlight the impactful events we have hosted, invaluable community partnerships, and organizational updates on a quarterly basis.

The Foundation team continues to work diligently to create awareness, cultivate relationships, and secure resources through our philanthropic goals.

Those philanthropic goals are:



Grief & Healing



Innovation



Life Enrichment



Cardinal Kids



Charity Care



Capital Expenses

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We encourage you to reach out to our team and find connections on how you, your business, or organization can help us grow our mission within our 12-county footprint. We thank you for your continued support and partnerships and look forward to keeping you involved in our work throughout the year through “The Compass.”

Warmest Regards,  
Tara Bland  
Executive Director, Carolina Caring Foundation

## THE HOSPICE RESALE SHOP MT. VIEW IS NOW OPEN!

The Hospice Resale Shop Mt. View officially opened it’s doors August 28. After months of planning, the opening was a huge success!

The project to bring the Hospice Resale Shop to Mt. View began just a few months prior. Charity Hand, The Hospice Resale Shop Manager, first toured the future home of the second location of The Hospice Resale Shop in late December 2023. After a few months of negotiations and much waiting, she was handed the keys on July 1. Immediately, the renovations began.

Thanks to the shop in Viewmont, and many other members of the community, the Mt. View location quickly filled up. “We are receiving donations at our Mt. View location, and the community is already showing great support through giving us donations and by shopping with us,” says Hand. Each donation made to the Hospice Resale Shop is in support of the mission of Carolina Caring.

The shop is continuously welcoming new volunteers and is ready to welcome even more with the new and bigger shop. If you are interested in volunteering at the Hospice Resale Shop, please contact Charity Hand at [chand@carolinacaring.org](mailto:chand@carolinacaring.org).



**“I am excited to see what the future holds for this new location and the impact it will make in serving our mission.”**

– Charity Hand, Manager, The Hospice Resale Shop

# LINDA CLARKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND UPDATE & 2024 RECIPIENT

Cindy Stamey, Carolina Caring's Director of Veteran and Community Relations has been named this year's recipient of the Linda Clarke Scholarship. Stamey is currently working to receive her MBA from Appalachian State University.

The Linda Clarke Scholarship Fund was developed in 2011 in honor of Linda Clarke, who valued education and had a deep love and appreciation for the staff of Carolina Caring. The Scholarship Fund has helped many of Carolina Caring's employees pursue higher education as they work to fulfill the mission of Carolina Caring and uphold its values of service, teamwork, leadership, respect, excellence and commitment.

The Scholarship continues to be funded by donors like you and by an annual, t-shirt sale for staff and volunteers. This year, the sale brought in a total of \$1,727.24 to go directly towards the fund. Supporting this fund allows our staff to pursue a higher education so they can continue to give professional, quality care to our patients and families that will bring hope and healing for generations to come.



Cindy Stamey, Director of Veteran and Community Relations

## 22ND ANNUAL FRIENDS FORE HOSPICE GOLF TOURNAMENT

We're pleased to share that our 22nd Annual Friends Fore Hospice Golf Tournament in support of Carolina Caring was a success! Thank you to all of our sponsors, golf committee members, participants, volunteers and donors like you who made this event possible.

We had several raffles and contests for our participants including our 50/50 Ball Drop raffle, player raffles, closest to the pin and the longest drive. Additionally, we had hole in one prizes for any lucky golfers. Unfortunately, we had no winners this year but are hopeful for next year.

Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you to each one of you who came out to support our mission of bringing high quality, compassionate service to those facing serious illness. The tournament next year will be held on Monday, October 6th so mark your calendars, and we'll see you at the 23rd Annual Friends Fore Hospice Golf Tournament!

Follow us on our social media pages to see more from our 22nd Annual Friends Fore Hospice Golf Tournament!

**Save the Date: October 6, 2025**



# 45 YEARS OF CARING

Supporting the mission and vision of Carolina Caring

45 years ago, Hospice of Catawba Valley, Inc. was chartered as the first hospice in the Unifour area and one of the first three to be established in North Carolina. The first staff member was hired in 1980. That year, Hospice of Catawba Valley served 18 people out of First Presbyterian Church in downtown Hickory. Ten years later, Hospice of Catawba Valley moved to the Willard House in downtown Hickory and served 118 patients with only 11 staff members.

In 1997, Dave Clarke was brought on as Executive Director who led the organization through the development and construction of our Robinson Road campus after the land was donated to us by Johnnie Buff, a dedicated volunteer and advocate for our organization, along with the financial support of donors like yourself!

Since 2003, Carolina Caring Foundation has cultivated relationships with donors like you who share the same passion of fulfilling the mission and vision of Carolina Caring. The Foundation supports Carolina Caring by securing funding, cultivating community partnerships, and connecting donors to the needs of patients and families. This allows us to serve individuals who may otherwise go without care.

**Today, Carolina Caring is happy to serve 12 counties, stretching from Mecklenburg to McDowell, Caldwell to Cleveland, and everywhere in between. We are proud of our history and our achievements, but we also know that there is much more to be done.**



**Thank you for your support of our mission to continue to serve more patients than ever. We remain committed to delivering the compassionate and expert care that has been our legacy since day one. Here's to celebrating 45 years of care, and to many more years of making a difference together!**

*-Dana Killian, President & CEO, Carolina Caring*



# NOTABLE FOUNDATION MOMENTS

## United Way Catawba County Youth Council Awards Carolina Caring with Grant to Fund Brighter Days Youth Grief Program

Carolina Caring offers Brighter Days as a safe space for kids to express their feelings, and learn how to cope with them, while dealing with the loss of a loved one. This grant will help ensure we can continue to provide hope and healing to children experiencing grief and loss.



## Bethlehem United Methodist Church Conducts Diaper Drive for Carolina Caring Patients

Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Claremont conducted a diaper drive for Carolina Caring patients. These drives provide relief for our patients and families knowing that they do not have to worry about providing these supplies for their loved one on their own.



**If you, your church, or organization are interested in doing a drive or something similar, please contact Sydney Farmer at [sfarmer@carolinacaring.org](mailto:sfarmer@carolinacaring.org)**

Ben Dungan, *Director of Grant Writing & Database Administration*, receives grant and diapers

# OUR GREATEST NEED

Imagine life without the essentials: food, heat or personal care items. Our Life Enrichment fund is responsible for taking care of those needs and fulfilling the final wishes of our patients in their most vulnerable moments so they can live as independently as possible.

Our Life Enrichment Fund allows us to take patients fishing, to concerts, and even throw a wedding. "What is the most important thing for you today?" Everyday, our nurses ask our patients that very question. Enriching the lives of you and your loved one is the most important thing to us at Carolina Caring. Consider giving to our Life Enrichment fund to make sure every need is met and every life enriched.



Scan here to give to our Life Enrichment Fund



# FOUNDATION TEAM UPDATE ANNIVERSARY & WELCOME!



## Beth Schlosser Celebrates 1 Year with the Foundation!

Beth comes to Carolina Caring having a background in senior care and event planning. Beth coordinates all of the Foundation's special events including the Annual Friends Fore Hospice Golf Tournament.

*"This last year has flown by! My experience with this organization has truly been a reward."* - Beth Schlosser, Development Coordinator, Carolina Caring Foundation.

## New Team Member - The Foundation Welcomes Sydney Farmer!

Sydney comes to us after obtaining her Bachelor's Degree from Appalachian State University. After finishing an internship with AMOREM, she fell in love with the hospice model and wanted to continue growing her career in that space.

*"I am so grateful to be a part of this wonderful organization."* - Sydney Farmer, Development Coordinator, Carolina Caring Foundation.



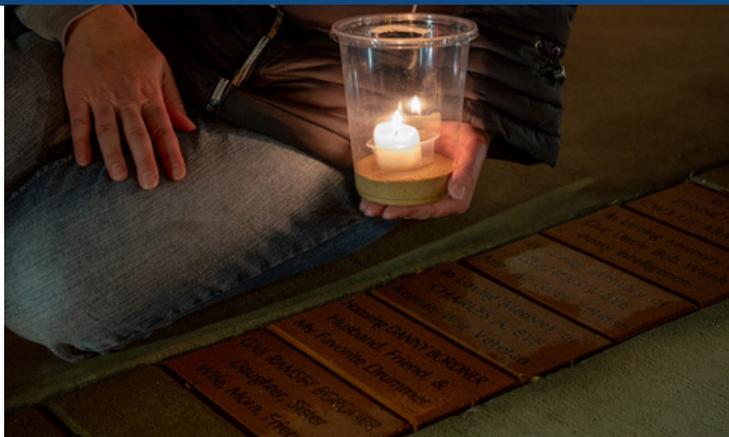
Scout - Winner of Cutest Pet Contest 2024!

## PAWS FOR A CAUSE CUTEST PET COMPETITION in support of Carolina Caring's Pet Peace of Mind Program

Facing serious illness can prevent many things from being taken care of. Carolina Caring works with *Pet Peace of Mind* to make sure your pets aren't one of those things. With the help of donors like you and our volunteers, patients facing serious illness can have "peace of mind" knowing that their animals are safe and taken care of.

Along with your support of this program, Carolina Caring Foundation hosts a *Cutest Pet Competition* on our Facebook page. Each contestant may donate any amount to enter. The top twelve pets will be featured each month on our social media and the winner will receive a prize pack from the Foundation! We are so grateful for the continued support of this program, and for the participation of the community during this competition.

**To learn more about the Cutest Pet Competition please visit [www.CarolinaCaring.org/cutest-pet](http://www.CarolinaCaring.org/cutest-pet)**



## Light Up a Life

Light Up a Life is a time of reflection and remembrance of the loved ones who have passed on. Each light represents the life of someone who is no longer with us.

This year, there will be a space for you to exit your car and join us on our campus to reflect together. We were graciously gifted a donation that covered a new sustainable light that will be able to be up even longer. If desired, we will have our bereavement counselors at the event. We will also have refreshments and other snacks available.

**For more information about our events, please contact Beth Schlosser at [bschlosser@carolinacaring.org](mailto:bschlosser@carolinacaring.org)**

**Join us this coming winter at our Newton Campus on December 10!**



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## Carolina Caring on Tap

November ♦ Dive Bar, Hickory

Come to Dive Bar in Hickory for the whole month of November in support of Carolina Caring.

For every Dive Beer Lite sold, \$1 will be given to Carolina Caring.



## Giving Tuesday

December 3

Celebrate Giving Tuesday with Carolina Caring Foundation. Support the Life Enrichment Fund for our Cardinal Kids and for our adult patients.

See page 5 for information about our Life Enrichment Fund.

## Light Up a Life

December 10 ♦ Newton Campus

Scatter Joy with us at our Newton Campus on Tuesday, December 10 as we remember all of the loved ones who have passed on.

## Flights & Bites

TBD ♦ Moretz Mills

Stay tuned for updates about our Flights & Bites event!

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