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Swinging into Action

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For 23 years, Carolina Caring Foundation's Friends Fore Hospice Golf Tournament has supported Carolina Caring's services—bringing the community together, one putt at a time.



CARE CONNECTION with Tara

At Carolina Caring Foundation, we believe that hospice and palliative care are more than services—they are gifts. Gifts of comfort, dignity, and compassion that continue to support patients and families long after the initial moment of need. Whether it's a child receiving specialized pediatric palliative care through our Cardinal Kids program or a family finding peace during a loved one's final days, these moments are made possible by the generosity of our community.

Each day, our care teams walk alongside individuals facing serious illness, offering not only medical expertise but emotional and spiritual support. This holistic approach is what makes hospice and palliative care so powerful—it's care that honors the whole person and the people who love them.

As we look ahead to fall, we invite you to join us in celebrating and sustaining this mission at our annual **Friends Fore Hospice Golf Tournament**, taking place on **Monday, October 6, 2025**. Held at Catawba Country Club, this event brings together supporters, families, and community partners for a day of fun, fellowship, and fundraising.

Proceeds from the tournament directly benefit Carolina Caring's hospice and palliative programs, as well as primary care and caregiver support services, ensuring that no one faces serious illness alone. Whether you're swinging a club or sponsoring a team, your participation helps us continue offering this gift of care to those who need it most.

Together, we can keep the spirit of caring for our community alive—one story, one family, one gift at a time.

Warmest Regards,
Tara Bland
Executive Director, Carolina Caring Foundation



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SUMMER OF GIVING LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

As the sun shines brighter, so can the impact we make together.

This summer, join us in making a difference through Carolina Caring Foundation's Summer of Giving. Your generous support helps provide comfort, dignity, and hope to patients and families facing serious illness across our region. Let's turn warm days into meaningful moments.

Make your summer count.

Give today: CarolinaCaring.org/give

SUMMER

OF GIVING



LINDA CLARKE SCHOLARSHIP 2025 RECIPIENTS

Each year, the Linda Clarke Scholarship is awarded to employees who demonstrate a passion for learning and a commitment to growing within their field.

We're proud to recognize four exceptional team members as this year's recipients!



Heidi Byrd
Clinical Director
Homecare Team



Brittany Chilton
LPN
On Call



Jennifer Long
MSW, LCSW
Cardinal Kids



Morgan Byrd
RN
Sherrills Ford Hospice House

These dedicated professionals are furthering their education to expand their expertise and elevate the care they provide. From pediatric services to hospice leadership, their continued growth reflects the heart of Carolina Caring's mission.

The Linda Clarke Scholarship Fund ensures that Carolina Caring employees are supported in their educational journey as they pursue academic excellence within their field. Carolina Caring Foundation supports this fund with internal t-shirt and sweatshirt sales every year, as well as general donations to the fund.

LIFE ENRICHMENT CAMPAIGN

You Made Moments Like This Possible.

This spring, you helped raise more than **\$14,000** for Carolina Caring's **Life Enrichment Campaign**—giving patients the chance to live fully, even in their final days.

From fishing trips to one last rock concert, your generosity makes dreams a reality. For Steven (pictured left), a retired musician, it meant the joy of live music one more time—a memory he treasured until the end.

Thank you for making these moments possible.

Support Life Enrichment Today:
CarolinaCaring.org/life-enrichment-fund



SWINGING INTO ACTION

Celebrating our Friends Fore Hospice Golf Tournament

For nearly 23 years, the Carolina Caring Foundation's Friends Fore Hospice Golf Tournament has brought together golfers, sponsors, and supporters for a day of friendly competition—all to help patients receive care they otherwise could not afford. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, this beloved event has raised over **\$1.4 million** to date, making a life-changing difference for those in need.

Over the years, we've added exciting ways to give back, including raffle opportunities that make the day even more fun. Our **50/50 Ball Drop**, introduced last year, was a hit and is back again! Tickets are available now, and the winner will take home half the proceeds, with the other half directly supporting our hospice patients.

This year, we invite you to consider sponsoring the tournament in honor of or in memory of a loved one. It's a meaningful way to celebrate their life while ensuring others receive compassionate care when they need it most.

Friends Fore Hospice is more than just a tournament—it's a community coming together to celebrate life, honor memories, and bring comfort to our neighbors in need. Whether you golf, sponsor, or simply cheer us on, your support ensures that every patient's journey is filled with dignity, compassion, and care.

To learn more, please visit CarolinaCaring.org/golf



The support our Foundation provides to Carolina Caring operations is invaluable in ensuring that we are able to provide care to those in need and launch new services in order to support the needs of our community.



-Dana Killian, President & CEO, Carolina Caring



NOTABLE FOUNDATION MOMENTS



Cardinal Kids Receives a Donation from Roselee's Creations

After learning about our Cardinal Kids program when her mom began working as an RN with Carolina Caring, Roselee was inspired to give back in a big way.

She sold her handmade magnets at the Clover Craft Fair to make a meaningful donation to our Cardinal Kids program for children facing the challenges of serious illness.



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 is interested in hosting a drive or a similar event, please contact Sydney Farmer at sfarmer@carolinacaring.org



Klingon Assault Group Donates to Carolina Caring in a Unique Way

For over **20 years**, the Klingon Assault Group has raised more than **\$20,000** for the Carolina Caring Foundation! They spread awareness and support for our serious illness services at comic cons and fan events across the region.

Their unique community, combined with their passion for Carolina Caring's mission, helps us connect with people we may not otherwise be able to reach.



ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL & CHURCH CAR SHOW TO BENEFIT CARDINAL KIDS

St. Stephen's Lutheran School and Church has chosen Cardinal Kids as the 2025 beneficiary of their Warriors Against Pediatric Cancer initiative—an annual effort where they rally behind a cause close to their hearts. Throughout the school year, they'll be raising funds to support our program, and one of their biggest events is just around the corner!

Join them for their Car Show on **Saturday, September 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at St. Stephen's. For just **\$25**, you can enter your show-stopping vehicle. The day will feature raffles, food trucks, and a dedicated Kids Zone—fun for the whole family while making a difference in the lives of our Cardinal Kids and their families affected by serious illness.

Come out, show your support, and help St. Stephen's drive forward the mission of Cardinal Kids!

10AM-2PM

ST. STEPHENS
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
PRESENTS

CARS FOR A CURE

Car Show

CAR \$25
PRE-REGISTRATION

CASH PRIZE
Best in Show

FOOD TRUCKS KIDS ZONE RAFFLE PRIZES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025
2304 SPRINGS RD.
HICKORY, NC 28601

REGISTER HERE

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Cardinal Kids
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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

Does your furry (or feathered... or scaly!) friend have what it takes to be crowned the cutest? Our Pet Peace of Mind—*Paws for a Cause Cutest Pet Competition* is coming this October on Facebook!

Keep an eye out for the registration form to enter your pet into the running. The **top 12 pets** will each be featured as our **Pet of the Month** throughout the year, and the **BIG winner** will receive a special prize pack from the Carolina Caring Foundation—plus the honor of being **Pet of the Month for January 2026**.

It's a fun way to show off your beloved companion while helping support Pet Peace of Mind, a program that helps keep pets and their people together during hospice care.

Follow us on Facebook [@CarolinaCaringFoundation](#) for updates about our Cutest Pet Competition!



Friends Fore Hospice

Tee up for a great cause at the Friends Fore Hospice Golf Tournament! Join us for a day on the greens in support of Carolina Caring's mission to provide compassionate care to those facing serious illness. Enjoy friendly competition, great prizes, and the chance to make a difference—one swing at a time.

Don't forget to purchase your ball for our **2nd Annual Ball Drop Contest!** You could win half the prize pot, and you don't have to be present to win! Purchase your golf ball(s) here at CarolinaCaring.org/ball-drop/!

For more information about our events, please contact Beth Schlosser at bschlosser@carolinacaring.org

Join us this Fall to support our Friends Fore Hospice Golf Tournament!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Chillin', Grillin' & Thriftin'

August 28 ♦ The Hospice Resale Shops

Come to chill at the Hospice Resale Shop Viewmont with popsicles or grill out with us in Mountain View with a delicious hot dog!

Join The Hospice Resale Shop for a customer appreciation day on the 1st anniversary of the Hospice Resale Shop Mountain View.



St. Stephen's Car Show

September 20 ♦ St. Stephen's Lutheran

Join St. Stephen's for one of their biggest Warriors Against Pediatric Cancer fundraisers of the year, benefiting Cardinal Kids.

\$25 per car entry | Raffles • Food Trucks • Kids Zone

Friends Fore Hospice

October 6 ♦ Catawba Country Club

Tee up for a great cause at the Friends Fore Hospice Golf Tournament as we support the mission and vision of Carolina Caring!

Learn more at CarolinaCaring.org/golf

Cutest Pet Competition

October

Stay tuned for updates about our Cutest Pet Competition!

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