

Helping people with advanced dementia

Today, over five million people have been diagnosed with some form of dementia. It is the seventh-leading cause of death in the United States, and the sixth in North Carolina. Because one in eight persons over age 65 has this diagnosis, it is very likely that you have a family member or friend living with dementia.

Dementia is a brain disorder that impairs one's ability to remember, learn, and communicate. It can involve the loss of abstract thinking, judgment, and physical abilities to the point where it interferes with daily living. Alzheimer's

disease is the most common type of dementia and accounts for 60-80% of cases in the United States. Other types of dementia include vascular dementia (post stroke), Parkinson's disease, and Lewy body disease. In only three years, the number of Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region patients with advanced dementia has risen 157%, representing nearly 15% of our current patients.

Caring for a person with dementia is often very difficult, with family and other caregivers experiencing high levels of both physical and emotional stress. In an effort to better care for dementia patients

and their families, Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region has created a specialized care plan for patients diagnosed with dementia, which also includes support and education for caregivers.

One in eight persons over age 65 is diagnosed with dementia.

Our specialized dementia care plan addresses the unique end-of-life needs of those with advanced dementia, and includes increasing or maintaining a patient's quality of life, appropriate pain and symptom management, advance care planning, and social support for caregivers. Through our specially-trained care team, we offer clinical interventions designed to assess and address a patient's physical, social, and spiritual needs. We have introduced therapeutic sensory kits containing aromatherapy scents and tactile stimuli, incorporating items reminiscent

of their childhood or career, music from their youth, and more. Because communication can be difficult, these tools help our staff and volunteers connect with patients through non-verbal means. This service is offered in homes, assisted-living communities, and skilled nursing facilities. We believe this care will make a significant impact for our patients living with advanced dementia.

We appreciate the grants we have received from Mecklenburg Medical Alliance & Endowment and the Lincoln County Community Foundation to help fund this project. For more information about our dementia care plan, or to make a gift in support of this project, please visit www.hpccr.org.

"Want to help support this project? Make a gift to Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region online or in the enclosed envelope, and note that it is for "Dementia Care."



Nettie Hardt (left), HPCCR patient and long-term care resident at White Oak Manor, enjoyed the therapeutic times she spent with Emily Kennedy, HPCCR medical social worker, reminiscing about her career as a special education teacher in New York.



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Cuts to Medicare threaten hospice

Did you know that so many people are choosing hospice care at the end of life that Medicare wants to make cuts to its hospice program? Does it make sense to reduce access to a program that, by Medicare's own studies, actually saves Medicare dollars by keeping people feeling better



**A Message
 from
 Janet Fortner,
 President
 & CEO**

and out of the hospital? Does it make sense to reduce access to a program when the numbers of those in need of care are dramatically rising? By the time you read this, the cuts will most likely have begun, but you can still let your voice be heard.

For 30 years Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region has been compassionately helping people of any age or illness meet the end of life with dignity, while providing essential support and knowledge to their loved ones. **We began before there was insurance or Medicare coverage for hospice and depended almost entirely on charitable support.** In 1984, we became the first hospice in North Carolina to offer the Hospice Medicare Benefit. Had we not done so, our ability to make our services widely available would not have been possible. As a not-for-profit organization **we still care for all eligible patients, regardless of their ability to pay, and still depend on your generosity to make this possible.**

Most individuals we serve are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance. In 1983, Congress passed legislation creating the Hospice Medicare Benefit (HMB). Offered to seniors, this benefit provides reimbursement for most hospice services, including **needed medical equipment and medications.** Without this benefit, dying individuals and their families would have to shoulder the costs of these items.

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The Hospice Medicare Benefit has proven to be extremely cost-effective for care during the last six months of life and supports the overwhelming desire of people to be cared for at home, surrounded by loved ones who can actively participate in their care. **An independent Duke University study showed that hospice saved an average of \$2,300 per patient, or nearly two billion dollars each year, and that close to 100% of families who used hospice would recommend it to others. In addition, the Duke study showed that, on average, dying patients who received hospice care lived 29 days longer than those not receiving hospice care. Better care = feeling better = longer life = lower costs. What could be better than this?**

Today, Medicare's hospice budget grows as people live longer and increasingly choose hospice care. Ironically, the future of hospice care is being threatened. As of this writing, Medicare cuts are scheduled to be enacted while the cost of providing care is rising. These cuts will likely result nationally in reduced patient access, program closures, and less money to care for patients. Because most hospice care is provided in the patient's home, **our clinicians travel over a million miles per year.** Rising gas prices have placed a new burden on our organization on top of rising costs for pharmaceuticals, supplies, equipment, and hiring and training health care professionals. **Why penalize hospices for creating demand through their excellent service and saving health care dollars by cutting their reimbursements?**

You can still speak up for the right to access hospice care for your loved ones. Call Congress and ask them to block cuts to hospice reimbursement. Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region is conducting a legislative briefing to speak with our legislators about the important role they play in ensuring adequate payment for hospice care. Our featured speaker will be Dr. Don Schumacher, President and CEO of the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization. To join us on Tuesday, August 26th at Levine & Dickson Hospice House, contact Mildred Orr at 704.602.0935 or orrm@hpccr.org. To learn more about hospice care, and the many services offered by Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region, go to our Web site at www.hpccr.org.

Volunteers help you live well



The volunteer department held its annual appreciation event on April 27th to honor Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region volunteers for both years of service and hours provided to the organization. Among those honored was 8-year volunteer Faye Southard, who generously gave 725 hours of her time last year to care for our patients and families, and also assist with staff needs. Faye's caring spirit and compassion for others is what motivates her to volunteer. She says she enjoys spending time with patients and their families and is "inspired by the people... I always get more from them than I feel that I give."

Living well every day is the goal of hospice care, with a special focus on the whole person and their loved ones. Volunteers at Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region primarily visit patients to provide support and companionship, which allows caregivers a much-needed break. They also read aloud to patients, run errands, provide staff support, and share other special skills.

While we always need new volunteers for all of our service areas, we have a special need in West Charlotte and Union County. We welcome your involvement. If you are interested in learning more about our volunteer services, visit our Web site at www.hpccr.org. For questions about volunteering, or to request an application, please contact Jaclyn Wachtel at 704.335.3578 or wachtelj@hpccr.org.



Alia King (left), HPCCR Volunteer Services Director, presents Faye Southard with an award for volunteering with an amazing 725 hours of care.

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Healing and remembering at children's grief camp

The ninth annual Chameleon's Journey™ Overnight Grief Camp, for children ages 7 to 16, will be held the weekend of October 18-19 at Camp Thunderbird in Lake Wylie, SC. Part of our Kids Path® program, Chameleon's Journey is a camp offered free of charge to children and teens who have experienced the death of a family member or other significant person in their lives. Attendees enjoy typical camp activities, share feelings with others experiencing loss, and receive grief care in a safe and supportive environment. For more information about Chameleon's Journey contact Katie Allen at 704.335.3529 or allenk@hpccr.org.



Chameleon's Journey™ camper, Cayla Lovelace (left), and her dad, Jonathan, made iris planters in memory of Cayla's mom at our last grief camp for children.

The mission of Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region is to relieve suffering and improve the quality and dignity of life through compassionate hospice care for those at the end of life, palliative care for those with advanced illness, and through community education.

Excellence rewarded

Congratulations to three very special Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region clinicians. Each is honored for the amazing care given to their patients and loved ones every day!



Beth Bleavins, RN, CHPN, was voted our Nurse of the Year by HPCCR staff. She is on the team at the Lake Norman

regional office. Beth is an advocate for the clinical care team approach and lights up a room with her warm smile, positive attitude, and enthusiasm.



Donna Shronce, NA-I, was voted our Nursing Assistant of the Year by HPCCR staff. She is on the team at the

Lincoln County regional office. Donna is praised for her dedication to her patients and the ability to put them and their families at ease.



Gayle Schreyer, MSW, LCSW, LISW, was selected as the Mecklenburg County Hospice and Palliative Care Medical Social Worker of the Year by the Organization of

Public Health Social Workers. Gayle exemplifies the hospice spirit of caring and competence.

Mark your calendar

SPECIAL EVENTS

Visit www.hpccr.org for detailed information about each event, or contact Nancy Cole, Manager of Special Events, at 704.335.4312 or colen@hpccr.org.

Earth Fare "Burger for a Buck"

Saturday, August 23, 11-3pm
Earth Fare Market & Café
Torrington Market
I-485 & Johnston Road

Lincoln County Apple Festival

Saturday, September 20, 9am-4pm
Downtown Lincolnton
Stop by the HPCLC information booth!

Denver Days Fall Festival

Friday, September 26, 4-11pm
Saturday, September 27, 10am-11pm
Off NC Hwy. 16 on Triangle Circle, Denver
Stop by the HPCLC information booth!

Hit The Brixx Run/Walk for Kids Path® Pediatric Care

Saturday, September 27, 8am
Brixx Wood Fired Pizza - Uptown
225 East Sixth Street, Charlotte
For runners and walkers of all ages

5th Annual Historic Plaza Midwood/Chantilly Chili Cook-Off

October 11, Noon-6pm
1318-D Central Avenue
Central Avenue & Pecan Avenue
(Between Family Dollar & CVS)

6th Annual Dennis D. Lowery Memorial Golf Tournament

Monday, October 13, 10am (Tee-off)
Rocky River Golf Club, Concord
All golfers welcome!

Empty Bowl

Tuesday, October 14, 5-7pm
Rising Sun Pottery, Lincolnton

US Foodservice Pro Am Golf

Monday, October 20, 11am (Tee-off)
Cedarwood Country Club, Charlotte

Pedal the Park

Sunday, October 26, 9am
Ride will begin and end at
Levine & Dickson Hospice House,
The Park Huntersville

Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Friday, November 28 through
Monday, December 1
Present book fair voucher at any
Charlotte area B&N Bookstore,
including Hickory, and a portion of
your sale will benefit HPCCR. Visit
www.hpccr.org before you shop and
print a copy of the voucher.

Happenings...

Book smart

Barnes & Noble Bookstores hosted a Book Fair June 14-20 at each of their four Charlotte-area locations. A portion of customer sales raised \$381.20 to benefit Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region.

Just in time for the holidays, a second benefit Book Fair is scheduled for November 28 - December 1 at all Charlotte-area locations. It will also include the store in Hickory! Gift wrapping will be offered at the Birkdale and Carolina Place locations (for a small donation) by a Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region volunteer. To print a Book Fair voucher, go to www.hpccr.org and present your voucher to the Barnes & Noble cashier at checkout.

Va-room!



Lincoln County Cruisers held their first group ride of the season on Sunday, March 16. It was a Scavenger Hunt Ride to benefit Hospice & Palliative Care Lincoln County. They presented \$315 to Leslie Barlowe, Senior Director of Hospice & Palliative Care Lincoln County (bottom row, center).

Dashing off...

After the race started it was only a matter of 16 minutes and 20 seconds until the first runner and overall champion, Jonathan Sunde, age 19, dashed across the finish line at the annual Dash & Dine 5K! More than 350 participants enjoyed a beautiful morning for a run along Kings Drive to Queens Road, onto Providence Road, back to Kings, and then on to Mama Ricotta's to enjoy some delicious breakfast burritos! The event raised more than \$13,000.

It's all about fashion!



Members of the Newcomers Club of North Mecklenburg & South Iredell Counties modeled spring fashions by Talbots at the annual Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon on April 22. A gift of \$2,000 was presented to Levine & Dickson Hospice House (LDHH). Pictured left to right are Karen Fitzgerald, Laura Fitzpatrick (Administrator of LDHH), Toni Lambert, and Pam Ryan.

Sip n' taste

Shoppers visiting Birkdale Village on Saturday, June 14, enjoyed the 4th annual Taste of Birkdale. A benefit for Hospice & Palliative Care Lake Norman, the event raised \$2,692 and featured wines offered by Total Wine & More and The Passionate Poet. Samples from Birkdale Village restaurants were also on the menu for this fun tasting event.

Wind in their sails

The Lake Club at The Point was the perfect setting for the Regatta Party on Friday, May 23rd. Guests enjoyed bidding on items in the live and silent auctions, participating in the "sailboat gamble," taking chances on a string of pearls, doing a little dancing, and participating in an interactive, "seated" scavenger hunt! The Regatta & Party was a tremendous success, raising more than \$60,000 for Hospice & Palliative Care Lake Norman.



Congratulations to (left to right) skipper Kenneth "BJ" Jones and his crew, Emily and Allison Jones, for winning the 8th Annual Lake Norman Hospice Regatta. After sailing five races throughout the weekend, "Rumbullion" came in first place overall. The Jones' crew will represent Hospice & Palliative Care Lake Norman in the National Regatta Championship in 2009.



Ellen Dolan (left) and Don Kiker (center) from Charlotte Singles Golf Association present a "big check" from their annual charity tournament to Nancy Cole, HPCCR Manager of Special Events.

BI-LO serves for Kids Path®

Paw Creek BI-LO shoppers stopped by the hot dog wagon for lunch and to check out the cool "yard sale" items offered by a few of the BI-LO vendors. Proceeds from the "Hot Dogs for Hospice" sale will benefit Kids Path®, which provides pediatric care for children and teens.

Scenes of Serenity note cards

It always feels special to receive a hand-written note. Our beautiful Scenes of Serenity note cards are perfect for meaningful messages and make a wonderful gift for a friend. Each card features scenic North Carolina photographs by Charlotte resident Kelly Culpepper, a regular contributor to national publications such as *Smithsonian*, *Business Week* and *Forbes*. Available in two sizes, each package contains six cards for \$10 per set. Visit www.hpccr.org to view the photographs. You may purchase note cards at each of our office locations or call in your order and receive them by mail. Call Caroline Clark at 704.335.3536 for more information.

Light Up A Life

Purchase Commemorative Bells, Angels, and Lights on the Remembrance Trees in honor or in memory of a loved one. November and December For information: visit www.hpccr.org or call 704.335.4312

Celebration of Life Hospice & Palliative Care Lincoln County

Thursday, December 4, 6:30pm
Emanuel Reformed Church
329 East Main Street, Lincolnton

Celebration of Life Hospice & Palliative Care Lake Norman

Thursday, December 4, 7pm
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
19600 Zion Street, Cornelius

Celebration of Life Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region

Friday, December 5, 6pm
St. Martin's Episcopal Church
1510 East Seventh Street, Charlotte

9th Annual Soup on Sunday

January 25, 2009, 11am-2pm
Citizens Center Building of
Central Piedmont Community College
Uptown Charlotte campus

OTHER EVENTS

Chameleon's Journey™ Grief Camp for Children Weekend camp

October 18-19, Registration 8:30am
Camp Thunderbird, Lake Wylie, SC
Applications available at www.hpccr.org, and accepted through September 26th. Contact Katie Allen for details at allenk@hpccr.org or call 704.335.3529

Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region 30th Anniversary Cookbook "Gather 'Round Our Table"

Great recipes, stories, and more
Coming this fall...
Reserve a copy today!
Contact Caroline Clark at 704.335.3536 or clarkca@hpccr.org

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

October 14, 16, 21, & 23, 5:30-9pm
Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
3307 Rea Road, Charlotte

November 11, 13, 18, & 20, 5:30-9pm
Lincoln County Office
107 North Cedar Street, Lincolnton

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

Call 704.335.4334 for dates and times of grief support programs.

Grief: The Reluctant Journey An eight-week support group

Tuesdays, September 9 - October 28
2-3:30pm
Hospice & Palliative Care
Charlotte Region – South Charlotte
8745 Little Avenue, Charlotte

Thursdays, September 11 - October 30
6-7:30pm
Hospice & Palliative Care
Charlotte Region – South Charlotte
8745 Little Avenue, Charlotte

Mondays, September 8 - October 27
6:30-8pm
Levine & Dickson Hospice House
11900 Vanstory Drive, Huntersville

Tuesdays, September 9 - October 28
Noon-1:30pm
Hospice & Palliative Care
Lincoln County
107 North Cedar Street, Lincolnton

"Let's Do Lunch"

Grief Support Group
4th Wednesday of each month
11:30am
The Olive Garden
9421 Pineville-Matthews Road,
Pineville

For more information about our events and HPCCR happenings, go to our Web site: www.hpccr.org.

Continue your generosity beyond your lifetime

Ellen and James Ross were known as generous supporters of their community during their lifetime. With the establishment of a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust, they are continuing their support after their death. According to their daughter, Lynda R. Bridger, James established the trust 15 or 20 years ago, long before trusts were widely used

as an investment tool. "My father was very successful in the chemical business and was a voracious reader," Lynda says. "I guess you could say he was investment-savvy also." The trust allowed them to protect their assets, while supporting the charities that they loved.

Ellen and James were college sweethearts and were married

for over 57 years. One of the things Lynda admired about her parents was that they quietly helped the people and organizations they treasured. They never expected any recognition or reward in return for their charitable giving.

Over the years, Lynda and her family watched Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region take care of other family members and friends, and always admired the organization's compassionate care. "I don't know what we would have done without hospice when my mother died," she says. "As an only child, I just didn't have the support that others have in a larger family to take care of Mom when she needed it most."

For information about planned giving, contact Penelope Wilson, Development Officer, at 704.335.4325 or wilsonp@hpccr.org.



The late James M. and Ellen L. Ross, community philanthropists, established a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust of which Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region was a beneficiary in 2007.

Your workplace giving campaign

We appreciate all of our friends who support Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region through a workplace giving program, whether it is through the United Way, the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the North Carolina State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC), or a company-specific campaign.

To designate HPCCR as your beneficiary for the CFC, select charity number 98705; select charity number 2520 for SECC. Thank you!

Susan G. Komen for the Cure



Lisa Hood (left), HPCCR Vice President of Clinical Services, accepts the grant certificate from Kimberly Kogut, grants chair for the Charlotte Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. HPCCR was awarded a \$60,000 grant to provide hospice and palliative care to patients with breast cancer.

Want to give a unique gift?

Are you looking for a thoughtful birthday gift for a family member or friend who seems to have everything? If so, consider a meaningful gift that will touch the lives of many by making a donation to Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region. We will notify the honoree that you have made a gift in his or her name.

And... if you feel that you have everything you really want for your birthday or other special occasion, consider asking family and friends to make a donation to Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region in your name as well. What a truly unique way to celebrate and remember someone on any special occasion!

Time to link and re-link

Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region benefits from frequent shopper programs offered by GoodSearch, Food Lion, and BI-LO. Linking is easy to do!

GoodSearch

GoodSearch is a search engine and online shopping mall. Go to www.goodsearch.com and select "Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region" as the charity you want to support. Everytime you search using GoodSearch, we benefit. Our charity identification number is 811654. Add GoodSearch to your toolbar to make searching – and helping HPCCR – even easier!

Food Lion Shop & Share

Do you shop at Food Lion? Register your Food Lion MVP Card with the Lion Shop & Share program. Sign up in a store, call 704.633.8250, ext. 3810, or visit www.foodlion.com. From the sign up page, select Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region from the drop-down menu. Once your card is linked, you do not have to re-link each year. Every time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total grocery purchase will be donated to Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region. Thank you!

BI-LO Boosters

Do you shop at BI-LO? We are participating in BI-LO's boostersplus program this year. By signing up for boostersplus, one percent of your purchases will be given back to Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region! Sign up in your local store or visit www.BI-LO.com. Our charity number is 9881. To enroll, take this enrollment form coupon to the cashier the next time you shop at BI-LO. This will enroll you in the program from now through May 2009. You must re-link your cards beginning in July each year.

HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE CHARLOTTE REGION



Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region: Serving our community

January 1 – June 30, 2008

Average daily number of patients under hospice care	493
Average daily number of patients under Palliative Medicine Consultants' care	451
Number of patients admitted to receive care from Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region	1,109
Number of palliative medicine consultations conducted	1,331
Number of active volunteers	302
Number of volunteer hours of service	12,478
Number of families designating memorial gifts to Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region	301
Number of presentations to community	106

Our regional locations...

- Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region – Uptown
- Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region – South
- Hospice & Palliative Care Lake Norman
- Hospice & Palliative Care Lincoln County
- Levine & Dickson Hospice House

Our eight-county service area...

- Cabarrus • Catawba • Cleveland • Gaston • Iredell • Lincoln • Mecklenburg • Union

Memorial designations

January 1 – June 30, 2008

We are honored that families of the following people chose our organization as the beneficiary of memorial gifts. The thousands of gifts received as a result of memorial designations allow us to provide care for the uninsured, grief support for children and adults, and community education programs.

Thank you!

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"Today, Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region provides our full range of services to over 80 long-term care communities. We partner with them to provide compassionate care for their residents with life-limiting illnesses and education for the staff on topics surrounding end-of-life concerns."

– Sharon Moore, MSW, LCSW, Senior Director, Clinical Services, HPCCR

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Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region offers professional and community educational presentations and trainings on a variety of interesting topics. In 2007, we conducted over 230 presentations. Look for a listing of our current offerings on our Web site, www.hpccr.org.

If your civic organization, community of faith, business, school, or other group would like to learn more about Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region, has interest in our programs and services, or would like to arrange for a presentation, please contact Marilyn Morenz at 704.335.3579 or morenm@hpccr.org.

While hospice care is typically provided in the patient's own home, years ago Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region recognized that a large number of people reside in nursing homes, assisted-living centers, and other retirement communities. Since this has become their home, they and their loved ones also need the specialized care and support that we provide.

In 1992, we formed our first team to serve people living in long-term care communities. This specially-trained and dedicated clinical team works collaboratively with the staff at these facilities to provide quality, compassionate care for their residents and loved ones. We also offer end-of-life education and support to their staff.

Over the years, this program has grown tremendously, and we now serve over 80 long-term care communities. For more information, call us at 704.375.0100 or visit www.hpccr.org.

Come tour our new hospice house!



Each private patient room at Levine & Dickson Hospice House is cozy and spacious with its own bathroom, HDTV, telephone, Internet connectivity and accommodations for family members to spend the night with their loved ones. Large floor-to-ceiling windows offer natural light and views of the outdoors.



(Left to right) Kris Behrman, HPCCR Manager of Client Relations, joins Pam Morrell, Administrator at Wexford House Assisted Living Center, Leslie Barlowe, Senior Director of Hospice & Palliative Care Lincoln County, and Jennifer Ratcliff, HPCLC social worker, to thank and acknowledge them for partnering with us over the years.



Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region honors the staff of Plantation Estates Retirement Community. We hosted a party in celebration of our collaboration to improve care for their residents with life-threatening and terminal illness.

Were you unable to attend the Levine & Dickson Hospice House opening in January? Do you wish you could see North Carolina's newest inpatient hospice facility? Now is your chance! We offer guided tours that last about 30 minutes, and include time to have your questions about hospice care answered. All are welcome. Please contact Misty Pearson at 704.335.3553 or pearsonm@hpccr.org to arrange a day and time to see this beautiful house. Levine & Dickson Hospice House is located at 11900 Vanstory Drive in The Park Huntersville.

Puzzled about hospice and palliative care?

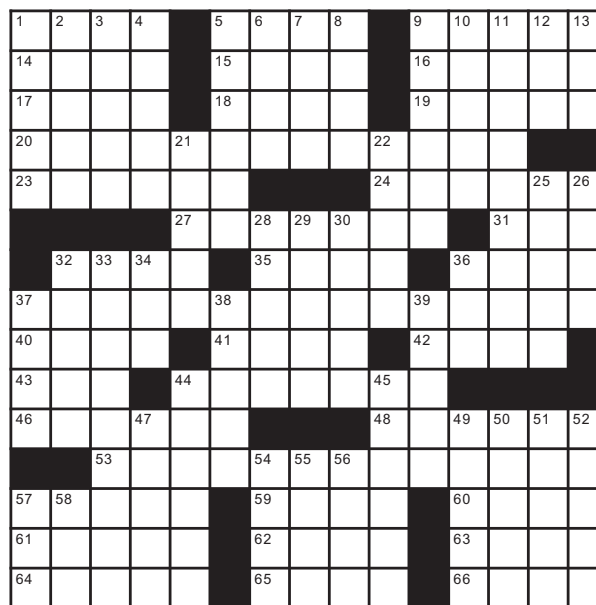
Dr. Nick Grivas was a neurosurgeon in private practice before joining the Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region team of staff physicians in August of 2003. He earned his medical degree at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Dr. Grivas is board certified in neurological surgery and in hospice and palliative medicine. He was formerly the section chief of neurosurgery as well as the chairman for the Department of Surgical Specialties at Carolinas Medical Center - Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, NC. He is one of ten Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region physicians.

Dr. Grivas began constructing professional crossword puzzles in 1999. They have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *USA Today*. He created two CDs, called "Crossword Mania," that were published by United American Video. We hope you enjoy solving our hospice and palliative care-themed puzzle. For the answers, and to learn more about Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region, visit www.hpccr.org.



ACROSS

1. Nursing school dwelling, for short
5. Classic Pontiacs
9. Sends a text message
14. Follow the nurses' orders
15. "I've got what?"
16. Exams for aspiring attorneys
17. Monetary exchange premium
18. Common decubitus site
19. Attorney ____
20. Goal of Palliative Medicine Consultants
23. Leg length to a tailor
24. Use a warm blanket
27. Provides palliation, in a way
31. John Denver's "Thank God ____ Country Boy"
32. It may hold oxygen
35. Gamut
36. Hospice chaplain's degree
37. Goal of hospice care, with "A"
40. "____ many words"
41. First year nursing/medical school course
42. Back ____ (likewise)
43. Plaything for a Kids Path® patient
44. Has a tantrum
46. Like HPCCR worker's feelings
48. "Seinfeld" or "Cheers"
53. One HPCCR focus
57. Former Princess of Wales
59. Small stream
60. Sicilian spewer
61. Motherboard maker
62. "My Way" songwriter Paul
63. Levine of the Levine & Dickson Hospice House
64. Taj ____
65. For men only
66. WWII beach boats



DOWN

1. "____ say, not..."
2. Women's doctor (Abbr.)
3. Champagne-producing city in France
4. Mr. Magoo, for one
5. Euphemism for "Die"
6. The others
7. Outstanding person or thing in crosswordese
8. Bottom of the foot
9. Western lands
10. Upset
11. One assistant at HPCCR (slang words)
12. Hour to get there
13. Opposite of NNE
21. Sweet, sour, salty or bitter
22. Gibbons of "Entertainment Tonight"
25. Female friend of Fernando
26. Finish the driveway
28. Intimidate
29. First cervical vertebra
30. From ____ bottom
32. Pavarotti, for one
33. Synonym for 37 Across
34. Sgt. or cpl.
36. Winter setting in Wyoming
37. Pocket bread
38. Ipso ____
39. Debussy contemporary Erik
44. One ____ (everybody)
45. Old Glory
47. Prefix meaning "nine"
49. HIV fighter (CD4)
50. Phoebe of "Drop Dead Fred"
51. "To be ____ to be..."
52. Ways partner
54. French friars
55. Dryer residue
56. Actress Chase of "Now, Voyager"
57. Not bright
58. Garten, The Barefoot Contessa

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