



# Expanding Our Compassionate Touch

## Kitty Askins Hospice Center Memo

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**3HC**

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**We now have \$One Million\$ reasons to be excited about the campaign to expand Kitty Askins!** And all of them are because of our generous donors and friends! As you know, the Kitty Askins Hospice Center currently offers 12 beds to hospice patients throughout eastern North Carolina. The demand for beds far outweighs availability. The Expansion Fund will allow the Center to grow and serve a greater number of individuals in need of specialized care during their end-of-life journey. The \$One Million\$ mark has been achieved through individual pledges, corporate giving, foundation grants, special events, and one-time gifts. That's 25% of our total goal – something to celebrate!

**There are Angels at Kitty Askins Hospice Center.** This holiday season marks the first Festival of Angels. Each angel is handmade and includes an attached banner with a loved one's name. The angels are displayed on the Christmas trees at Kitty Askins for the entire holiday season. After the holidays, the angels may be picked up as a keepsake, or they may be donated back to the Hospice Center to be used next season. Community Development Board member Miriam Wessell is leading teams of volunteers in creating these handmade lace angels. Miriam has recruited groups of friends, school children, and churches members. Angels are available in memory of or in honor of a loved one for a donation of \$10. Would you like more information? Please call April Brantham at 919-735-1387, ext. 1072.

**A donor reception was held to honor and remember loved ones.** Three times each year, a reception is held to thank the special donors who contributed to the Tree of Life and the Walk of Life. About twenty-five people attended November's reception at Kitty Askins. 3HC President Dean Lee gave a warm welcome to the attendees followed by a special blessing from Rev. Jerry Mitchell. At the close of the ceremony, all were invited to share fellowship and light refreshments in one of the Center's dining rooms. The staff of Kitty Askins Hospice Center and 3HC is very grateful for all of our donors.

**Our waiting list is full.** Our hearts break when we can't serve all those in need of the specialized care offered at Kitty Askins. During the past three months, 47 people were on the waiting list for one of twelve beds at Kitty Askins. And it's impossible to determine the true number of people hoping to get into Kitty – many people simply don't inquire about a room as they know about the long waiting list. During the holiday season, please keep these people and their families in your hearts and in your prayers as they experience what is likely to be the most difficult times in their lives.

**SAVE THE DATE!** It's time to mark your calendars for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras Celebration to be held on Feb. 21, 2009, at Walnut Creek Country Club in Goldsboro. Who can say no to a fun-filled evening with a Reverse Drawing, Silent Auction, and Dinner? Tickets go on sale January 1<sup>st</sup>. More information to follow!

**We're naming the chapel!** We're also naming bedrooms, dining rooms, living rooms, community areas, and more! The Kitty Askins expansion provides multiple ways to remember and honor your loved ones! For more information about naming opportunities, please call Susan Malewich, 919-735-1387, ext. 1023.

**I hope you've enjoyed catching up on all the news from 3HC and the Kitty Askins Hospice Center. Look for a memo like this every month or so.**

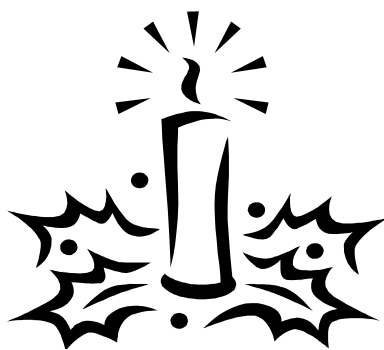
**We at 3HC have a great story to share with our friends and "family."**

**Take care of yourself, your family, and your friends.**

**Remember. . . Compassion – pass it on and watch it grow**

*Jean*

**Have a Safe and  
Happy Holiday Season!**



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