



Expanding Our Compassionate Touch

Kitty Askins Hospice Center Memo

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The Tri-County Electric Foundation, Inc. donates \$7,500 to the Kitty Askins Hospice Center Expansion Fund! Every gift gets us closer to the expansion of the Kitty Askins Hospice Center! Thanks to the generous customers who agree to have their bill rounded up to the nearest dollar, the Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation is able to make gifts to support charitable programs across Wayne, Duplin & Lenoir counties. We are touched that they have chosen to support our efforts to expand Kitty Askins enabling us to serve a greater number in our community!

Putting our votes to work! Don Davis, NC 5th District Senator, visited with Dean Lee, 3HC President, and Jean Whitfield, VP of Operations & Development, earlier this month to discuss the possibility of state/federal funding for the expansion of Kitty Askins Hospice Center. Senator Davis was educated on the story of Kitty Askins and its history, as well as being taken on a tour of the Center. The Senator was very optimistic that our project would not only be a success, but a huge success!

The Rotary Club of Goldsboro donates \$500 to Wings Camp! The Rotary Club of Goldsboro awarded 3HC with a grant of \$500 for Wings Camp for Grieving Children and we are delighted to receive their support! The Rotary Club of Goldsboro also presented grants to local, non-profit organizations demonstrating the Rotary's dedication to providing humanitarian services and help to build goodwill and peace in our community.

Do you know of a child with a grieving heart? Hospice of 3HC is sponsoring Wings Camp for Grieving Children. Camp will take place from July 31-August 2, 2009 at the Woodmen of the World Camp in Dover, NC. Wings Camp helps children find support and learn coping skills to deal with grief. Wings provides them with an opportunity to interact and gain support from both counselors and other peers who are also experiencing grief. The camp is for any child, ages 8 through 16, who have experienced the death of a loved one. Campers are not restricted to families served by 3HC- any child with a grieving heart is eligible. If you are aware of any children in your family or community who would benefit from attending Wings Camp, or you would like additional information, please contact the Wings Camp Director at (919) 735-1387, ext. 1051.

SAVE THE DATE! Get ready to tee off at the 15th annual *Kitty Classic* Golf Tournament to be held on Friday, September 25, 2009, at Walnut Creek Country Club in Goldsboro. The tournament is sure to be a fun-filled day complete with fun contests and great prizes. All proceeds will benefit the Kitty Askins Hospice Center and Hospice programs of 3HC. More information to follow!

The staff of Kitty Askins put together a Father's Day Feast. The Kitty Askins staff knows how much it means to celebrate holidays and special days with your loved one for the last time, which is why they made sure everyone could enjoy Father's Day without having to leave the Center. They brought in a ham with all the fixings, setting up a buffet-style feast for all to enjoy. Debbie Denlinger, Manager of the facility, explained "Providing the meal for the families gave them a chance to celebrate Father's Day with their loved one and other members of the family without having to leave the Center, giving them a few more precious minutes or hours with each other."

An Inside Peak: Are you curious as to what the new addition of the Kitty Askins Hospice Center will look like? Well, wait no more! Take a glance at the drawings of the expansion by visiting our website at www.3hc.org and clicking on the "Campaign to Expand Kitty Askins Hospice Center" tab. Thanks to the remarkable support shown to us by our community, these drawings will soon come to life!

Hospice Fact: According to the Hospice Foundation of America, a well-known myth is that Hospice is where you go when there is nothing else to be done for you. In reality, Hospice is not an actual place and instead takes place wherever the need exists, whether it is in the patient's home or in a facility. Hospice is the "something more" that can be done for the patient and the family when the illness cannot be cured. Referral into hospice is a movement into another mode of therapy, which may be more appropriate for terminal care. It not only includes medical care, with an emphasis on pain management and symptom relief, but also a team of professionals and volunteers who address the emotional, social, and spiritual needs of the patient, as well as the family.

**Thank you once again for being you, and for allowing
us to share 3HC's great story with you!
Remember. . . Compassion – pass it on and watch it grow!**

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