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2nd Annual "Ride for Angels" to Benefit Hospice of D.C. Patients

Lexington, North Carolina, July 6, 2009 – Hospice of Davidson County will hold their 2nd annual, "Ride for Angels" motorcycle fundraiser on Saturday, July 18, 2009. This year's event has been expanded to include live entertainment, food and retail vendors and a bike display, courtesy of Garwood Cycles, featuring the nationally recognized Military Tribute Bike and Special Ops. Bike designed in honor of fallen Navy Seal, Joshua T. Harris.

The police-escorted ride will depart from Denton Farmpark at 10:45 am, returning at noon. A hotdog lunch is included in the registration fee (\$15/bike in advance; \$20/day of) for all riders. Food vendors will also be on site offering a variety of breakfast and lunch options for the general public.

Former Childress Idol and 2009 Georgia Country Male Vocalist of the Year, Ross Copley, will be on hand for the event and headline the musical guest line-up. Other performers scheduled to appear include blues and folk singer Davis Tucker and contemporary vocalist Kayla Watson. Also performing are Luke and Olivia White, a contemporary Christian brother-sister duo from Kernersville.

Gates open at 8:30 am for participating riders, the general public and on-site registration. Non-riders will be charged a general admission fee of \$10. The event is free to children under age 12. A number of drawings will be held throughout the afternoon for prizes donated by area businesses. Commemorative tee shirts featuring the art of Mark Huffman will also be available to purchase before and during the event.

Last year's bike ride showcased 185 bikes and raised over \$9,000 for Hospice patients. This year's proceeds will also help fund medical costs of homecare and Hinkle Hospice House patients.

For more information about this event, contact Laura Owen (336) 474-2063 or via email: lowen@hospiceofdavidson.org. Information and pre-registration forms may also be found at www.hospiceofdavidson.org or www.DavidsonCountyHappenings.com. In case of inclement weather, a rain date of Sunday, July 19, has been established.

Hospice of Davidson County is a nonprofit, United Way agency serving the terminally ill. In 2008, the agency provided care for 350 patients and provided support to an additional 200 families participating in bereavement programs. In early 2009, the agency opened the county's first inpatient facility, *The Henry Etta and Bruce Hinkle Hospice House*. Hospice of Davidson County is also approved by the Accreditation Commission of Health Care, a further recognition of excellence in healthcare practices.

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