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### HOSPICE OF DC TO HOLD 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE BENEFIT

Lexington, North Carolina, May 27, 2010 - Hospice of Davidson County will hold their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual, "*Ride for Angels*" motorcycle benefit on Saturday, July 17, 2010. The hour and a half, police-escorted ride departs from Denton Farmpark at 10:30 am. Gates open at 8:30 am for registration.

Last year over 200 riders participated that raised over \$8,000 for Davidson County patients faced with a terminal diagnosis. Hospice of DC, a United Way agency, accepts patients regardless of their ability to pay and relies heavily on community support to provide those services.

Pre-registration is \$15.00 per bike and includes a hot dog lunch. Day of registration is \$20.00. Merchandise vendors will be on-site offering a variety of arts and crafts and the public is invited to attend. Attendees will also have the opportunity to enjoy entertainment provided by "*Southern Breeze*," a 70's, 80's, Top 40 and Country band.

This year's bike ride benefit is sponsored by The Buzzard's Nest, DT Lube and Time Out Hut. Hospice of DC events are also made possible with the support of the following Hospice of DC, *Partners in Care* including: NewBridge Bank, Lexington Memorial Hospital, Signworks and Thomasville Medical Center. Lexington Style Wings, a local chapter representing the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, is also a participating supporter.

In 2009, the agency cared for over 500 patients, 200 of which received services at *The Henry Etta and Bruce Hinkle Hospice House*, the county's first and

only inpatient facility. An additional 150 families received bereavement and grief counseling services during that same period. In the first quarter of 2010, nearly 200 patients have already received medical, psychosocial, spiritual and bereavement services.

Additional information regarding registration, vendor spots, tee shirt sales or memorial advertising is available on-line at: [www.hospiceofdavidson.com](http://www.hospiceofdavidson.com). Inquiries may also be directed to Laura Owen, Director of Communication and Development at 336.474.2078 or [lowen@hospiceofdavidson.org](mailto:lowen@hospiceofdavidson.org).

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