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Community Support Funds Hospice of DC Programs & Services

Lexington, North Carolina, October 12, 2009 - Late last week Hospice of Davidson County officials released a report detailing the outcome of their 2009 summer fundraising efforts. The agency typically holds five fundraising events annually with three major efforts falling between mid-June and late August.

The agency's fundraising season kicked off the third week in June with its second annual golf tournament at Sapona Country Club. Twenty-four teams participated in the event that raised over \$2,500 to help fund ongoing programs and services.

In July the agency held their annual, "Ride for Angels" motorcycle fundraiser. Nearly 200 bikes participated in the escorted ride with the ride departing and ending from Denton Farmpark. This year's event expanded from the prior year to include music, vendors and activities for non-riders. The bike ride brought in over \$8,500 that was allocated for patient services.

Held in late August, the agency's annual, "Friends of Hospice" gala was a tremendous success. A reported 350 guests attended the event which was held at the home of Mrs. Peggy Hinkle. Over \$33,000 were raised through ticket and auction sales. Those proceeds, combined with the matching donation from Talmadge and Ian Silversides and Peggy and Ed Hinkle, made for a record-setting fundraising event.

The three fundraisers collectively brought in over \$77,000 - an all-time record for the agency. Given the undeniable economic challenges facing both individuals and area businesses, Hospice of DC officials were quick to recognize the commitment and generosity displayed by the local community.

"Our agency gratefully acknowledges the role that community support has in our ability

to offer programs and services to individuals facing terminal illness regardless of their ability to pay,” commented agency CEO, Lisa Hathaway. “It’s not unusual for our donations to bridge the gap between what we can bill a patient and the actual cost of providing those much-needed services,” she added.

Hospice of Davidson County is a non-profit, United Way agency that offers specialized programs and services for terminally ill patients and their families. Each year over 350 patients are served through Home Care programs and to-date, over 100 patients have been cared for at the county’s first in-patient facility, *The Henry Etta and Bruce Hinkle Hospice House*.

For information regarding fundraising efforts or donor opportunities contact Laura Owen, *Director of Communications and Development*, at: 336-474-2078 or via email at: lowen@hospiceofdavidson.org.

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