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**JOINT FUNDRAISERS GIVE BACK TO COMMUNITY**  
***Uptown Lexington, Inc. and Hospice of DC Release Christmas Ornaments***

Lexington, North Carolina, November 23, 2010 - Uptown Lexington and Hospice of Davidson County share their commitment to community and admiration for local artists in the release of their 2010 Christmas ornaments. Both ornaments have skillfully translated original works of art into miniature, three-dimensional collectables through a unique, chemical etching process.

“These ornaments truly speak to the spirit of partnerships found in our community” noted Uptown Lexington Executive Director, Jo Ellen Edwards. “From the artists to the merchants and businesses to our organizations, we hope this is just the first of many collaborative projects.”

Uptown Lexington has produced a signature Christmas ornament featuring noted landmarks for 14 consecutive years. This year’s ornament features “*The Three Tenors*” by Archdale artist, Tom Shelar. The painting was inspired by, “*Deck the Hogs*” from the *Pigs in the City* public art project and is currently on display on Lexington’s Square.

Hospice of Davidson County was honored by Bob Timberlake when he offered to lend his name to their first annual ornament. His 2008 release, “*December*” was selected for the agency’s debut. Each ornament is beautifully framed and comes packaged in a gift box.

“Our community is very fortunate to have so many talented and respected visual artists in residence” commented Laura Owen, HODC Director of Communications and Development. “These ornaments serve as more than just a holiday keepsake. In a very real and tangible way they are also enhancing our community’s quality of life.”

Uptown Lexington's ornament proceeds will fund seasonal lighting on the trees and wreaths along Main Street. Hospice of DC ornament sales will be designated for the care of patients and caregivers faced with terminal illness. Both organizations rely on community support to fund services and ongoing programs.

The collectible ornaments are available for purchase at the offices of Uptown Lexington, Four East First Avenue, and the Hospice of DC administrative office, located at 200 Hospice Way off US Hwy. 64 East. Ornaments are also available at the following retail locations: Gallery Hall, Lanier Hardware, NewBridge Bank (*main office*), Pandora's Books and The Olde Homestead.

For more information contact the offices of Uptown Lexington, 249.0383, or Hospice of Davidson County, 475.5444. Additional information regarding the mission and services of either nonprofit, connect online at their respective sites: [www.uptownlexington.com](http://www.uptownlexington.com) or [www.hospiceofdavidson.org](http://www.hospiceofdavidson.org).

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