

# Milestones

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## CarePartners Welcomes PACE

Life-changing program helps seniors stay healthier and at home

Executive Director David Beijer and the staff of CarePartners PACE are busy and excited. The new PACE facility opened its doors to the first program participants on March 1<sup>st</sup> and it was a dream come true.

Why so much excitement? Because CarePartners PACE is designed to change lives and as David says, “We’re seeing transformations every day already.”

PACE stands for Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. CarePartners PACE serves people in Buncombe and Henderson counties who are 55 and older and are eligible for skilled-nursing level care. It’s the truly comprehensive nature of the program that makes it so valuable to participants, their families, and the community. David shares an experience to illustrate the impact of PACE:

This experience involves the caregiver of a participant who upon signing the enrollment agreement began crying. Both her father and mother were to become participants in PACE beginning in March. When we asked why she was crying she described the sense of relief that she was feeling. She described the caregiving role she was playing for both parents who are suffering from dementia and the challenge that every moment of her life had become. Through PACE services we are able to provide transportation to and from our facility, a meal in the center, socialization through our recreational therapy program, physical therapy to reduce their risk for falls, on site medical management of several chronic conditions, as well as some support in the home. Without these services the caregiver reports she would soon have to admit both of her parents to a skilled nursing facility.

Many caregivers face challenges coordinating all of the elements required to support their loved ones’ health and well-being. David explains that, “We are serving a group of people who have seen fragmented care and we are able to coordinate their care to a very high level, ensuring that it exceeds their expectations.”

CarePartners PACE partners with participants and caregivers to support participants in their home while meeting their medical and social needs. The coordination of care not only reduces the fragmentation that many of the participants have experienced, it also cuts down on unnecessary hospitalizations.

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*David Beijer, Executive Director of CarePartners PACE. “It’s exciting to see the vision come to fruition.”*



*Physical Therapist, Eli Day works with one of the first PACE participants.*



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This vital coordination is built into the PACE model, but in order to transform lives, the model needs dedicated and talented people to implement it. CarePartners PACE has assembled a group that fills this need and David is clearly proud. "It's been fascinating to observe our team navigate the complexity of bringing this program from theory to reality. Start-ups are challenging as every day brings the recognition of a new process or issue that wasn't on our radar. The high level of talent and skill in the team that the PACE program has attracted is making the complexity manageable and priming us for success as we grow our program. I'm grateful to work with such a solid group of people."

David is also "personally grateful for something many PACE programs don't have, a Foundation to [support us] until we can break even. I can't say that enough." In addition to the support of CarePartners Foundation, CarePartners PACE also benefitted from several generous donations and grants that helped make the program a reality (see below).

CarePartners PACE can eventually serve up to 225 eligible seniors. With an innovative model, top-notch team and community support, that is certainly reason for excitement.

To learn more about CarePartners PACE, visit [carepartners.org/pace](http://carepartners.org/pace) or call (828) 213-8442.

We thank these organizations and individuals for joining CarePartners Foundation in providing substantial funding for the implementation of CarePartners PACE:

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If you would like to support CarePartners PACE, please call CarePartners Foundation at (828) 277-4815 or visit [carepartnersfoundation.org](http://carepartnersfoundation.org).

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*The 17,828 sq. ft. CarePartners PACE facility at 286 Overlook Road in Asheville provides comprehensive care for eligible seniors in Buncombe and Henderson counties.*

**CarePartners PACE Open House**

We invite you to visit and see why we're so excited about this new program!

Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

CarePartners PACE

286 Overlook Road

Asheville, NC 28803

RSVP to [sheila.moore@msj.org](mailto:sheila.moore@msj.org) or (828) 213-8442

**Mark Your Calendar for Summer Events**

**Partners in Compassion Art Exhibition and Sale**

Opening Reception: Friday, June 19, 5:30-8:00 PM

Exhibition and Sale June 19–July 19

Presented by Grand Bohemian Art Gallery

11 Boston Way, Asheville, NC 28803

Benefiting CarePartners Pediatric Private Duty and Pediatric Hospice

**Mustangs for Hospice Pony Run & Car Show**

Saturday, August 8 and Sunday August 9

Hosted by Sears - Asheville Mall

3 Tunnel Road, Asheville, NC 28803

Presented by Blue Ridge Mustang Club of Asheville

**Charity Golf Tournament**

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Etowah Valley Golf Club & Lodge

470 Brickyard Road, Etowah, NC 28729

**Charity Art Sale**

Benefiting CarePartners Pediatric Private Duty and Pediatric Hospice

Thursday, October 1–Saturday, October 3, 2015

For more details as they become available, visit [carepartnersfoundation.org](http://carepartnersfoundation.org), to check the *Special Events* page and sign up for email updates.

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## Chili Cook-Off Benefits Hospice

Members of the 39th Masonic District and 26th District Order of the Eastern Star recently held a chili cook-off and generously donated proceeds to support the work of CarePartners Hospice. Representatives Buddy Taylor, Kathryn Wilds and Rick Patton came to the CarePartners Hospice Solace Center to present the check to Kim DeRosa of CarePartners Hospice, and Scott Buchanan and Carol Copeland of CarePartners Foundation.

*From left to right, Rick Patton, Kathryn Wilds, Buddy Taylor,  
Scott Buchanan, Kim DeRosa, Carol Copeland.  
\*Photo by John Burchfield, Secretary, Black Mountain #663*

