

Embracing Hospice

Barbara MacNeill wants her community to know that CarePartners Hospice is a wonderful resource.

After talking with her doctors, Barbara MacNeill of Otto, NC recently made the decision to be admitted to CarePartners Hospice of Macon County. Hospice was not something to be avoided in Barbara's opinion. She and her family experienced firsthand the wonderful services Hospice provided when her husband, Bill MacNeill, was served by Macon's program. "I have always believed that being comfortable while living is most important," said Barbara. "Having experienced CarePartners Hospice with my late husband, I know the individuals working for CarePartners believe in the quality of a person's life, and they work to provide the best care possible." The experience described by Barbara would not be possible if not for the local volunteers and donors of CarePartners Hospice.

Seeing is Believing

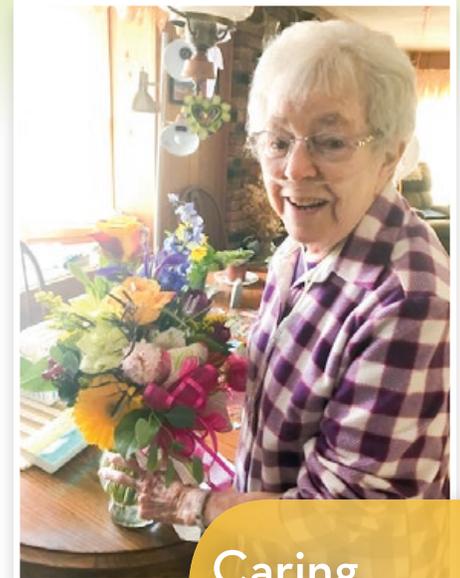
Barbara's trust and confidence in Hospice goes beyond what she witnessed with her husband's experience. "I was so impressed with CarePartners manner and the degree of care they provided that I knew I wanted to be involved," said Barbara. She became a Hospice volunteer and actively served Macon County residents for nine years. Because her daughter, Judy Langford, was also grateful for the services provided by CarePartners Hospice during her father's illness Judy decided to become a Hospice volunteer along with her mother. "Barbara and Judy are two of the most valu-

able contributors to our volunteer program because they have consistently and diligently offered their expertise in the office and community," said Melanie Seeger, Volunteer/Bereavement Coordinator for CarePartners Hospice of Macon County. "Barbara has been a role model to all of us, using her retirement years to serve others. She has inspired so many and we are truly grateful to have had her represent CarePartners Hospice."

CarePartners Hospice volunteers serve a critical need in their communities. They share their skills and interests in a manner that provides comfort and enriches the quality of life for those served. One key role of CarePartners Hospice volunteers is providing caregiver respite, which allows caregivers the opportunity to focus on other needs, such as running errands, having lunch with friends, or going to their own medical appointments. Volunteers often provide extended companionship and support for the patient and family members.

Feeling Secure

After years of serving as a Hospice volunteer, Barbara is now beginning a different chapter with the program in which she and her daughter have invested so much. She notes, "At 95, I know that I will not be getting better. I want to be as comfortable as possible and CarePartners Hospice provides that. Hospice is a support system for the whole family and is



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available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This makes me feel very secure. I want my community to know that all of those working in our Hospice are specially trained, caring, and competent individuals who work together for one goal: providing quality of life for their patients and caregivers." It is because of advocates like Barbara that CarePartners Hospice continues to be a trusted source of care for residents of Western North Carolina.

Hospice has been in Macon County for 23 years. For more information about the services provided or to volunteer in Macon County call 828-369-4417.

Your support helps us provide Hospice Care to those in our community who need it. You can give online at carepartnersfoundation.org.



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In countless ways, CarePartners supporters give back to the Foundation

Every day, CarePartners Foundation has the privilege of hearing from those who have benefited from the services provided by CarePartners Health Services. We receive words of thanks from the patients themselves, their family members, CarePartners volunteers, and from friends near and far. While the individual stories may vary, often there is a central theme when describing why they chose to make a financial donation or become a volunteer for CarePartners Foundation—Appreciation.

From Asheville to Franklin, so many of the residents across the 18 WNC counties we serve are grateful for the care they have received from our Adult Care, Home Health, Hospice, and Rehabilitation programs. In fact, the comfort and hope CarePartners provides has resulted in letters of thanks and gifts of appreciation from across the state of North Carolina and beyond.

The stories you will read in this Milestones issue are inspired by the real and meaningful ways people in our communities are becoming advocates for CarePartners Foundation and the programs that are near and dear to their hearts. Please know how much we treasure your feedback and value the investment you have made and continue to make in CarePartners Foundation.



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Communications Survey Feedback

Overwhelming response was both gratifying and informative

CarePartners Foundation recently conducted a communication survey that was mailed to many of our friends and donors. The response was overwhelming. We can't thank you enough for the feedback that was provided and wanted to share with you some of the responses.

“The Adult Care Program is invaluable in helping me care for my husband at home. It is also very apparent that they care for me too.”

“CarePartners has supported me after two surgeries with their Home Health services. Nice and efficient people.”

“I've truly enjoyed my years of volunteering for CarePartners Foundation. I have been involved with the thrift store and estate sales. I have also had opportunities to volunteer with the memorial garden, Festival of Trees, and taking flowers to Solace patients.”

“My grandson received excellent rehabilitation after a traumatic brain injury. I have also appreciated the many educational programs offered at Seymour Auditorium from CarePartners.”

“Just great working with everyone. Takes a lot of work off me. I thank the good Lord every day for CarePartners PACE program.”

“My mother was under the care of Hospice for a year at her home. CarePartners was not only there for her but also the entire family. I will be always grateful for the support and care provided by Hospice's staff.”

“CarePartners is always there at one's most urgent situation. Always professional and caring staff.”

If you would like to share your CarePartners story contact us at 828-277-4815 or CPF@carepartnersfoundation.org. You can also share your story online by visiting carepartnersmystory.org.

Paddling for a Purpose

Rowers of all ages and skill levels come together for one important cause

Mark Your Calendar

Drums will be pounding and spectators will be cheering on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at Lake Julian in Arden, NC for CarePartners Foundation's 2nd Annual Drums & Dragons boat race. Drums & Dragons provides an opportunity for CarePartners clients, staff, volunteers and community members to join together to celebrate the amazing services provided by CarePartners while raising funds for Adult Care, Home Health, Hospice and Rehabilitation.

Why they Paddle

Some of the most memorable dragon boat racers from last year's event have a very special connection to CarePartners having received support from its service lines. One of those racers is Frankie Pegg, a 79-year-old stroke survivor who attends Adult Care Services at CarePartners. She began visiting the Adult Care Program in 2016 after suffering a stroke, which subsequently left her right side paralyzed. Frankie paddled in last year's race and when speaking about her experience notes, "Last year I raced on Adult Day's Feisty Fire Paddlers boat with my caretakers. It was great exercise and I loved giving back to CarePartners and the people who care for me."

Dylan Hensley, a 31-year-old amputee also has a CarePartners connection. "When I was 16, I was hit by a car and had to have my leg amputated. Doctors told me I would never walk again. For the past 15 years, CarePartners Orthotics & Prosthetics has made sure this isn't true. I will be paddling at Drums & Dragons for a second year in support of CarePartners Foundation to ensure others have access to

the same amazing care and opportunities to learn to walk again that I have had," said Dylan.

Please join us on Saturday, June 23 for what promises to be a day filled with energy, compassion and fun, all to benefit the many services CarePartners Foundation provides to those most in need. Drums & Dragons is a family friendly event and is open

to the public. Food vendors and a wellness center will be on site and admission is free. For more information about the event, to register a team or as an individual, to learn about opportunities to volunteer at the event, or to donate, visit us online at drumsanddragons.com or call CarePartners Foundation at **828-777-2827**.



Left: Frankie Pegg about to step into her boat during the 2017 inaugural dragon boat race. **Right:** Frankie proudly brandishing a commemorative Drums & Dragons paddle.

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Maybe it was a kind word from a nurse, a hug from a volunteer, or words of encouragement from your physical therapist...

Through our Caring Hands Program, you can say thank you to outstanding CarePartners team members by making a gift in their honor. The person you honor will receive a letter of gratitude notifying them of your gift as well as a custom-crafted Caring Hands lapel pin to wear proudly at work.

A gift to the Caring Hands program can mean the world to even the most seasoned CarePartners team member. Thank you for your consideration. As a not-for-profit organization, we rely on community support to help ensure that care is there for everyone who needs it, regardless of their ability to pay.

For more information or to make your gift visit carepartnersfoundation.org/caring-hands or call 828-277-4815



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