

# Moments

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BRINGING YOU TO THE HEART OF OUR CIRCLE OF CARE



## Your generosity touches a lot of lives. Michael's is unforgettable.

He arrived on our care very thin, stooped low and burdened with pain both physical and spiritual. Very ill, he was not expected to live more than a few months, and he came to Transitions LifeCare because he had no family or friends in the area to care for him.

As time went on, Michael, around 50, started to report less pain. He began to thrive, not only because of the compassionate medical care, but also thanks to emotional support from a staff who took an interest in him, as they do each patient, and made sure they were always there to listen.

### **Watching the sun rise**

The delightful person Michael was began to emerge as he appreciated life anew. He especially enjoyed walking outside to see the sunrise, because he felt good enough to enjoy it. He thought it was so beautiful. It was as if he were paying attention to it for the first time. Because of the great care from his medical team, Michael felt encouraged, supported, understood, and loved, and he had gotten back some sense of his life.

Michael was memorable in many ways. He kept a journal, and often shared his writings on life with the staff. One of his most memorable writings was this one: "Hospice is not where you come to bury a life. It's where you come to cherish a life."



### **Thanks to you, no one will ever be turned away**

You're the reason we can keep our arms open for people like Michael, who are of modest means with no one to care for them. Your support of our Indigent Care program provides physician and nurse care, medicines, even emergency help with food and utilities.

**OUR PROMISE: WE WILL ALWAYS BE HERE FOR YOU AND THOSE YOU LOVE.**

### *What you make possible.*

Transitions LifeCare, founded as Hospice of Wake County in 1979, cares for adults and children living with advanced illness, their families and caregivers, and those who have lost a loved one in Durham, Franklin, Harnett, Johnston, Wake and eastern Chatham counties as well as Chapel Hill and Carrboro in Orange County. We are much more than hospice. We also provide palliative and grief care, caregiver support and Transitions Kids for the unique needs of children.



### **Your kindness and generosity advance our mission:**

*To care for individuals and families with compassion, support, and expertise as they navigate the end of life or life-changing illness.*

# Thank you. Your gifts took us over the top!

**\$6 million dollar campaign helps 500 more patients a year!**

You stepped up to support our Power of 10 campaign to add 10 new rooms to the William M. Dunlap Center for Caring, our Hospice Home off Trinity Road in Wake County, and we cannot thank you enough. Ten may sound like a small number, but it means that we'll be able to welcome 500 additional patients a year to our Hospice Home and increase our ability to manage medically-complex patients. This exciting expansion increases our facility's 20 rooms to a total of 30. We broke ground for the additions to our patient wings this spring and recently started construction.



L to R: Power of 10 Campaign Tri-Chairs: William M. Dunlap, M.D., Brenda C. Gibson and Thad Woodard; Kristye Koontz Brackett, CFP®, VP of Philanthropy, and John Thoma, CEO

Our Hospice Home expansion features:

- Additional 7,400 square feet added to Wings B and C
- 10 large private patient rooms
- Four rooms enhanced to manage patients with cognitive impairment
- Two rooms specifically designed for bariatric patients
- An additional family room to provide a home-life family space



In all, more than **1,000**  
thoughtful contributors  
like you joined together  
to provide an amazing  
**\$6 million** to  
expand our Hospice Home.

## Brighten our holidays



During a stressful time for many of our patients and families, there are other ways you can bring a sense of peace and warmth.

Visit our website to learn more:  
[transitionslifecare.org/donate/learn-more-first](http://transitionslifecare.org/donate/learn-more-first)

## Have you heard about the 1979 Circle?

You are invited to become a charter member of the new 1979 Circle, a society of caring individuals committed to sustaining our work through leadership philanthropy of \$1,000 or more each year. The Circle recognizes the enduring commitment of William M. Dunlap, M.D., the driving force behind the founding of Hospice of Wake County in 1979.

Charter members receive invitations to a number of meaningful gatherings each year, including our annual members-only appreciation celebration.

To become a charter member of the 1979 Circle, visit [transitionslifecare.org/1979Circle](http://transitionslifecare.org/1979Circle).

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## How you can help

**Gifts of any amount are appreciated.**

Give online at [transitionslifecare.org/donate](http://transitionslifecare.org/donate)

Mail to: Transitions LifeCare  
250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607

Here is my tax-deductible gift of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Please charge my credit card.  American Express  Visa  MasterCard  Discover

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I would like information about including Transitions LifeCare in my will or estate plans.