

# Hand in Hand

THE 1979 CIRCLE • YOUR GIFTS AT WORK



*Less time traveling means more time caring.*



Transitions Kids, begun in 2015, has been an unqualified success: we have already served 83 children and anticipate another 55 this year. We have, however, faced some challenges.

Hospice and palliative care programs for children — along with caregivers

who have the necessary specialized expertise — are few and far between. Providing in-home care requires our team (one physician, three nurses, two social workers) to physically cover over 1,000 square miles every day. Add the fact that insurance covers just 6% of the cost of care for these children and it is easy to see why we are continually searching for ways to stretch our limited resources.

Now, thanks to a generous grant from The Duke Endowment, we are able to employ a pediatric telehealth program to relieve some of the pressure.

Through videoconferencing and electronic communications, patients' families can access care when they need to. It will not replace hands-on care and the human touch, but telehealth services will enable us to continue to provide the best possible care to children with life-limiting illnesses.

No one deserves it more.

Sincerely,

William M. Dunlap, M.D.  
Co-founder



1979 Circle

*The view above is from the Reid S. Towler Campus of Transitions LifeCare.*

## Why we give

### SIX LITTLE LETTERS THAT CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.

Spend some time with the Anderson family — Chip (Glenn Jr.), Judy, Kevin and Perri — and you will soon realize that the word “legacy” is one they value and honor in their lives. They talk about the importance of sustaining the family legacy of philanthropy and community involvement. About leaving a lasting legacy. About legacy giving.

And it is surely no coincidence that the team Chip and Kevin founded is called “The Legacy Group at Morgan Stanley.”

For Kevin, endowment funding takes on a major role in his own legacy of giving. “An endowment gift provides a foundation that generates support into perpetuity,” he declares. “It ensures the mission of the organization is part of my legacy.”

In the case of Transitions LifeCare and several others, he adds that he has personally chosen to not only make gifts during his lifetime but to include them in his estate planning “as an expression of what was important to me during my lifetime.”



*Generous Donors: Chip, Judy, Kevin and Perri Anderson*

Kevin is also a supporter of making unrestricted gifts, such as those pledged to the 1979 Circle. He explains that the value of making unrestricted giving is that it respects the mission of the organization and empowers those charged with carrying it out to do what they deem best for fulfilling that mission.

We are so appreciative of supporters such as the Andersons. Their legacy enables our legacy. What more can we say?

“Unrestricted giving respects the mission of the organization and fully empowers those charged with carrying it out.”

KEVIN ANDERSON

## TRANSITIONS LIFECARE RECEIVES \$125,000 GRANT FROM THE DUKE ENDOWMENT

Transitions LifeCare has received a \$125,000 grant from The Duke Endowment to establish a pediatric telehealth program.

The Duke Endowment grant will be used to implement pediatric telehealth services for Transitions Kids, a home-based hospice and palliative care program of Transitions LifeCare that supports the unique needs of children birth through age 18 who have a life-limiting illness. Through telehealth, Transitions Kids staff will be able to provide “face-to-face” triage of after-hours needs, conduct family meetings that include providers from collaborating organizations or hospitals, and more quickly respond to the needs of children who live a great distance from the Transitions LifeCare campus.

CEO John Thoma acknowledges, “Today’s families have unique needs, especially when faced with the

challenge of caring for a child with life threatening illness. Supplying parents with an efficient, immediate means

patient care,” says Vice President of Philanthropy Kristye Brackett, CFP®.

“By augmenting care with telehealth technology, this program aims to reduce the burden of travel and help more families receive high quality services,” notes Stacy Warren, a health care program officer at the Endowment. “Supporting effective efforts that improve access to care is an important focus of our work at the Endowment.”

Based in Charlotte and established in 1924 by industrialist and philanthropist James B. Duke, The Duke Endowment is a private foundation that strengthens communities in North Carolina and South Carolina by nurturing children, promoting health, educating minds and enriching spirits. Since its founding, it has distributed more than \$3.4 billion in grants. The Endowment shares a name with Duke University and Duke Energy, but all are separate organizations.



for contact with clinicians will relieve anxiety and burdens during a very stressful time.”

“Transitions LifeCare is grateful to receive this prestigious grant from The Duke Endowment. **The grant will enable us to use innovative technology to provide an additional layer of support to our pediatric patients and their families.** We are honored to partner with The Duke Endowment on this exciting pilot program, and look forward to this next phase in our innovative

## DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU.

I’m an ardent believer in the Golden Rule. It is, in fact, at the core of my commitment to Transitions LifeCare.

It all began several years ago when my mother passed away with my daughter Lisa by her side. Later, I came across a beautiful photo, taken that evening, of Lisa’s hand covering my mother’s hand and was deeply touched by its sweetness.

When my husband and I retired, we relocated to Raleigh and began to assess local volunteer opportunities. I was casting about for the right role when the answer came from “out of the blue” at Bible study. A flash of memory of the photo of the hands of my mom and daughter sparked the realization that I wanted to be a hands-on volunteer.

Soon I became a support volunteer with Transitions LifeCare and found that I had a gift for drawing out uncommunicative patients and forging a strong bond with them.

I also became a vigil volunteer, a transportation volunteer, and a charter member of the 1979 Circle — a group of individuals who have pledged to sustain Transitions LifeCare’s work with generous yearly gifts.

I made this long-range commitment because I have so much confidence in Transitions LifeCare. It’s easy to write

a check for a one-time request or to back something for a year or two, but I want to make a statement about my support long-term. In short, I want to “do unto others.”



“I want to see Transitions LifeCare continue and continue and continue.”

BETH LAMBERT



## YORK PROPERTIES COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

“York Properties has a long and proud history of giving back to the community where we do business. Not only do we strive to improve our community through our real estate practice, we also invest in our community’s non-profits, and **Transitions LifeCare** is a perfect example. We believe the work place is stronger when we create opportunities for our employees to volunteer through impactful organizations so they, too, can experience first-hand the power of giving back to the community.”

GEORGE S. YORK, JR. | President & CEO

