

# Hand in Hand

THE 1979 CIRCLE • YOUR GIFTS AT WORK



*Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.*



It has been just a little more than a year since we launched the 1979 Circle. What Transitions LifeCare has accomplished in that short time, thanks to your generosity and advocacy, is nothing short of phenomenal. **We raised \$1.35 million from 505 families** – surpassing all goals and expectations. I am humbled and grateful for everyone who joined us in this new endeavor.

gifts, companies, organizations, private foundations and donor-advised funds. It comes from the heart and in response to an urgent call to action.

Thank you, from my heart, for your generous support. You have allowed us to build on the incredible achievements at Transitions LifeCare during the last year.

Your continued advocacy and support for our mission means more than you will ever know.

The 1979 Circle has ignited financial stability as well as the investment in providing deep financial support to so many of our friends, in their homes, hospitals, retirement communities and in our Hospice Home.

The broad support we received from our donors comes from our local seven-county area, as well as from states as far away as California, New York, Florida, Ohio and Texas. It comes from outright



1979 Circle

Sincerely,

William M. Dunlap, M.D.  
Co-founder  
1979 Circle Charter Member

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

## IMPACT OF OUR CHARTER YEAR

Our promise that our arms will be open to everyone and no one will ever be turned away can only be kept through gifts from generous donors in our community and beyond. Funds from the 1979 Circle are used to provide care for patients who have no insurance or families to care for them, grief center programs for our families and members of the community, and services to care for kids in our Transitions Kids program. All gifts from our 1979 Circle donors – 100 percent, are spent on direct patient care.

*“Financial support from our community is the foundation of everything we have done, and all we hope to do going forward, for our patients and their families.”*

JOHN BASON

Chair, Transitions LifeCare Board of Directors,  
1979 Circle Charter Member

### The impact of your giving tells much of the story.

- With each \$1,000 gift, we can provide one week of respite care to ensure peace of mind to family members

*while giving the caregiver a chance to attend to other needs.*

*“The groundswell of support we’ve experienced for our maiden 1979 Circle has been overwhelming, an outcome that will allow us to continue carrying out the critical services we provide to patients and families in our communities.”*

JASON SANDNER

Chair, Board of Trustees, Hospice of Wake County  
Foundation, 1979 Circle Charter Member

- With each gift of \$2,500, we can provide anticipatory grief counseling for patients, families and caregivers so they have the resources they need to provide strength and support during their loved one’s last days.
- With each gift of \$5,000, we can provide one month of care for a patient in their own home, with 24-hour-a-day support from their hospice team, which includes a physician, nurse, CNA, chaplain and social worker.

- With each gift of \$10,000, we can provide one week of hospice care in the Dunlap Center for Caring, with the most intensive medical needs met, ensuring that all patients receive quality care and are not forgotten.

This is what you have bestowed with your leadership philanthropy as Charter Members of the 1979 Circle.

This impact helps to demonstrate, in small measure, how your gifts to the 1979 Circle turn your care into comfort, your desire to help into hope, and your donation into dignity for a friend or loved one — and their family — at the end of life.

*“The tremendous support and investment in our mission from 1979 Circle donors has enabled us to dream big! This funding allows us to continue innovating and improving how we deliver health care for the most vulnerable in our community.”*

JOHN THOMA

CEO, 1979 Circle Charter Member

## Why I give

### MY EPIPHANY

When I was offered the distinct honor of joining the board of what was then Hospice of Wake County, I knew — or thought I knew — what hospice was all about. After all, when my dad died in Tennessee in 1988, it was hospice that allowed him to die with dignity at home, as he wished. It was hospice that did so much to help my mom at the time. My brother, too, was in hospice care when he died, as was a good friend and colleague here in Raleigh.

My education, however, was just beginning.

In nine years on the hospice board here — plus time on committees — I saw what hospice provided for young children, for teenagers, for their families. I saw

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more and more of my friends and acquaintances being touched by hospice care. I came to understand that this was not an organization coming in to cure a patient, but

instead an outstanding group of nurses and doctors and caregivers and chaplains and volunteers who are out there every single day holding the hand of someone who needs care and helping the entire family prepare for what lies ahead.



*“... death will touch every one of us. The need for help will never go away.”*

DAVID CRABTREE  
1979 Circle Charter Member

During those years, we began the capital campaign for the hospice campus. A group of us visited foundations, faith-based groups, philanthropists and every municipality in Wake County.

It was during one of these discussions that I had the epiphany.

There are countless organizations — wonderful, worthy organizations — that raise funds for good and noble causes. I suddenly realized that whether it was money for the homeless or victims of domestic violence or the heart association or the food shuttle, there's a possibility

that one day, some of these needs would be met.

But death will touch every one of us. The need for help will never go away.

I address any civic group out there that wants to learn more. I talk about it on camera when pertinent. I invite people for conversations about hospice care on my talk show. I tell them what you know, and what I know, about the critical services Transitions LifeCare provides. I speak from the heart. It truly hurts me to know that there are

folks in our community who have just learned that someone in their family is terminally ill. They're reeling, their heads are spinning, their worlds have collided; they don't know what to do or where to turn. I believe we must keep spreading the message that there is someone to talk with, there are people who can help right now.

Though I'm no longer on the board of Transitions LifeCare, my calling is for end-of-life care. However I am needed, whenever I am asked to talk to, whatever I can do to honor Billy Dunlap's unequivocal vision to never turn anyone away, I am both proud and humbled to do.

### A WORLD OF THANKS



L to R: Jennifer Pittman, John Thoma, Kacie Fore, Dr. William Dunlap, Kristye Brackett

*making a real difference to improve the quality of life in the communities where our customers and employees live and work. We look forward to working together and please know that we appreciate all that you do to serve Wake County and the greater Triangle community.”*



*“Duke Energy is proud to support Transitions LifeCare. We are grateful for the care, concern and compassion that the team at Transitions LifeCare provides during a time when families and loved ones need it most. It is organizations like Transitions LifeCare that are*

MARTY CLAYTON  
Duke Energy District Manager

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