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BRINGING YOU TO THE HEART OF OUR CIRCLE OF CARE

Our priority through the COVID-19 pandemic is to provide for the safety and well-being of our patients, family, staff, and community partners. **We are grateful to the hundreds of donors and volunteers** who have come together to donate their time, gifts of PPE, hand-sanitizer and other protective equipment, gifts to our

food pantry, and financial donations. Below are ways that people in the community have come together to help our patients and families.

Sincerely,

John L. Thoma
JOHN THOMA, CEO

Pop-Up Food Pantry

A volunteer-led effort, the food pantry provides meals to more than 50 patients and families in need each week. We accept non-perishables, fresh produce, prepared meals, and/or toiletries **M-W-F 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at the Administration Building, Transitions LifeCare, 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607.

Financial donations are also gratefully accepted. Donations may be made online at transitionslifecare.org/donate. (Please include "food pantry" in the special notes section of the online form.)



Capital City Clauses

When this pandemic started, the Board met and discussed a variety of ways we could help the community. Today we kicked off our COVID-19 community work by donating toys, art supplies, games and more to Transitions Kids. We hope this will bring joy to the families of the children with life limiting illnesses under the care of the amazing Transitions LifeCare team. Thank you to the health care workers and essential employees who are front of the line caring for our community. This is one of the many organizations we are partnering with this year that you are helping fund with your donations.



Send a Smile Campaign!

Help bring a bit of sunshine to our COVID-19 isolated patients. "Send a Smile" by creating a card, drawing, painting or poem with an uplifting message of love and support that will put a smile on a patient's face. You can mail your items to our Raleigh Office at Transitions LifeCare, 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607 or e-mail them to our team:

Samantha at speterson@transitionslifecare.org

Donated Masks and PPE

Our community has donated just over 5,000 homemade and surgical masks for use by our staff, visitors, patients and their family members. Our need continues to grow as we admit new patients, increase patient care visits, and bring staff back into our offices.

If you're still sewing or know someone who is, we'd be grateful for masks delivered or mailed to Transitions LifeCare, 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607.

You may also e-mail us at PPEsupplies@transitionslifecare.org or call our office at **(919) 828-0890** for drop-off times and instructions.



SECU Awards over \$3 Million in Grants to 34 Non-Profits Affected by COVID-19
TRANSITIONS LIFECARE IS GRATEFUL FOR A \$100,000 GRANT

"We care deeply about the great service these non-profits provide, and we intend for these grants to help solidify these organizations and their support of our communities across North Carolina."

SECU Foundation
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

JO ANNE SANFORD
SECU BOARD CHAIR

TRANSITIONS LIFECARE RECEIVES \$400,000 GRANT FROM THE DUKE ENDOWMENT

Transitions LifeCare received a \$400,000 grant from The Duke Endowment to establish telehealth capacity supporting palliative care services for adults in rural North Carolina. Using video visits, secure texting, and technology to notify staff of patients at the risk of hospitalization, the Endowment grant will allow Transitions LifeCare

to expand access and service area. In this way, we can best meet the needs of patients and families in rural counties within our eight county service area, while maximizing scarce palliative care staff resources.

“Telehealth improves access to needed healthcare. Transitions Kids, Transitions LifeCare’s pediatric palliative care and hospice program, increased the number of patients served by 138% and extended the service area allowing for an increase in rural patient admissions,” says CEO John Thoma.



Dr. Megan deMariano, one of our physicians, conducting a telehealth visit.

“Telehealth enabled better utilization of staff resources to patients who needed it most, allowing video triage to replace less critical visits. During the COVID-19 pandemic response, the rapid implementation of telehealth has been critical for us to continue providing palliative care support to both the Kids and adult teams.”

DR. LAURA PATEL
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

Summer Salute's "Virtual" Success

Now in its 17th year, Summer Salute has donated over \$1.7 million to support programs for families who otherwise could not afford care.

“We’re getting so used to the changes we have to make due to COVID-19 that I was not shocked we had to cancel our 2020 event. That being said, we knew we had to find a way to get the much needed funds into Transitions’ hands. Because we work on the event year round, we already had our auction and raffle items in hand. Our sponsors continue to be the real heroes, helping us pull off our event regardless of venue. So the thought of skipping our event for 2020 was never a consideration. Giving our yearly attendees the chance to participate with the 10 Days of Summer Salute On-line Auction ensures our ability to raise the funds we need for Transitions LifeCare.”

SANDRA TEMPLE, CO-CHAIR

“I am so excited to know that even a pandemic cannot stop the committed volunteers and staff of Transitions LifeCare and North State Bank as they continue to raise the funds for those needing financial aid, allowing all patients to finish life well! God bless North State Bank and Transitions LifeCare.”

JIM BRANCH, CO-CHAIR



Larry Barbour, President & CEO, North State Bank,
Jim Branch and Sandra Temple,
Summer Salute Co-Chairs