

Home Care Chat

Second & Third Quarter 2011

Fulfilling Missions at Home

Kathy Loften and Brenda Stroud, both members of the Harper-Southerland Presbyterian Church in Albertson made a recent visit to the Milford & Reba Quinn Hospice Care Center that nurse Ashley Thompson described as “looking like Christmas morning”. “Church members at Harper-Southerland have taken on the Care Center as one of their missions”, states Julie Howard, Foundation Director. “Since 2008, this small church has contributed almost \$2,000 in financial contributions and has gone above and beyond with the donations they have supplied to our center”, Howard continued.



Pictured Above: (l to r) Brenda Stroud & Kathy Loften, Members of Harper-Southerland Presbyterian Church

James Thompson, Watchman Coordinator works with area churches to create a bond between the church community and Carolina East. In doing so, Watchman newsletters are sent to all participating churches that keep them informed of things going on at Carolina East. Included in this newsletter is a list of items that the nurses at the Care Center have identified as needs for the patients and families that they serve. Harper-Southerland took this list and filled three large baskets full of the items listed.

The generosity of the church was above and beyond anything that the staff of Carolina East could have imagined. Seeing all of the needs met in one trip by one small church showed the power of God in the community. Such a gift not only blesses the staff at Carolina East and the Care Center, but it extends to each person that walks through the doors of the Center. During such a tough time, having all that is needed right there at your fingertips eases some of the burdens.

Carolina East expresses thanks to Harper-Southerland for all that they have done for the Agency, the patients and programs. In an Agency where the motto is “Great Service comes from the Heart”, it is humbling when members in the community join in to show that great support comes from the heart as well.

Carolina East, a non-profit organization, serves a seven county area and strives to be a quality health care provider while meeting the community’s diverse needs. If you would like more information about Carolina East, the Milford and Reba Quinn Hospice Care Center or our Watchman Program, please feel free to contact them at (910) 296-0819 or visit their website at www.carolinaeast.org.

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Clinical Scholarships Awarded

Carolina East is pleased to announce the 7th Annual Carolina East Foundation Clinical Scholarship recipients. Jessica Kidd, a resident of Pin Hook, and a nursing student at Sampson Community College and Julia Houston, a resident of Kenansville and a nursing student at UNC-W, were each awarded a \$1000 scholarship to be applied toward their goal of obtaining a degree in the health care field. Both recipients were recognized during a recent Foundation Board Meeting held on July 26, 2011. Sally Weston, Scholarship Selection Committee Chairperson, presented both with a certificate and some Carolina East goodies. The entire Foundation Board, the Executive Director and other staff congratulated both on such an outstanding accomplishment. “A total of 18 applications were submitted this year”, states Julie Howard, Foundation Director. Howard continued, “As we have seen in the past couple of years, we have many highly qualified students in Carolina East’s service area and the decision continues to be one that requires much effort of our selection committee to ensure that we are making the right decision.”



Pictured Above:
Foundation Board with Kidd & Houston

For the past seven years, the Foundation has sent scholarship applications out to the various colleges within Carolina East’s service area in an effort to financially help students, seeking a degree in the health field, to achieve their goals. The Foundation then forms a committee to review the applications received and select two \$1000 scholarship winners. The winners are selected based on the student’s academic progress, their references and essays they are required to submit. Also, all applicants must be accepted into a health related field (i.e., nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, etc.) at the time of application and must be a resident of one of the following counties: Duplin, Wayne, Sampson, Pender, Onslow, Jones or Lenoir. Other rules and eligibility requirements must be met in order to be eligible for the scholarship.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list for this scholarship application or if you would like to make a donation to the Carolina East Foundation so programs like these can continue to be made possible, please feel free to contact Julie Howard, Foundation Director at (910) 296-0819 or by email at julie@carolinaeast.org.

The Carolina East Foundation is a non-profit organization formed to educate the community about the availability of home care and hospice services and to provide assistance to the programs and patients of Carolina East Home Care & Hospice, Inc. through soliciting donations and raising the necessary funds.

Hospice Thrift Store Benefiting Community

The Hospice Thrift Store located on Hwy 24 just outside Warsaw, has proven to be a benefit to the patients and programs of Carolina East as well as to members of the surrounding communities. In tough economic times, families are searching for ways to make ends meet. Having a thrift store in the area that provides quality second hand clothes, shoes, household items and much more, provides the opportunity for families to stretch their dollar and still have the things that they need.

Since opening in April, the thrift store has seen an income of over \$6,500 to benefit the patients and programs of Carolina East and has seen numerous families helped by the items available at the store. This is all thanks to the generous donations of our community members. To find out more information about the Thrift Store you can call the store directly at 910-293-0164 Thursday through Saturday or contact Julie Howard at 910-296-8061. Store Hours are Thursday—Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Pictured Above:
Elaine Jarman, Thrift Store Manager

How to Increase Your Faith

Submitted By

Ray Kennedy, Agency Chaplain

Romans 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Faith is necessary in order to be a Christian. The amount of faith is not nearly as important as the object of our faith. It is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ only that makes one a Christian. It is not that faith in our goodness; it is not faith in our baptism; it is not faith in the sacraments or even in attending church. All of these things are great and we should have them. In fact, we will not be obedient and please God without these things. Nevertheless, we should remember that the faith is IN the Saviour, Jesus Christ. John 3:16 tells us that everlasting life comes from **believing** (trusting) in Jesus for salvation. Many believe about the Lord who have never trusted in Him for personal salvation. Faith in Christ starts us out on a personal relationship with the Lord. After we start our journey of faith, how can a small faith grow into a strong vibrant faith that makes a difference to the cause of Christ? I will briefly mention three things.

1. Hear the Word of God. The Bible is a remarkable book that is powerful and worthy to be read and applied to our lives. Romans 10:17 says that faith comes by hearing the Word of God. The more faith we want to have, then the more Word we need to hear and live out everyday. When we read the Bible more, we usually understand, believe and trust it more. We should read and meditate on the Bible everyday. We can listen to our Bible in the car on CD. I often read a passage I have read a hundred times or more, only to have my faith increased when I realize that God is leading me through His Word. Life is just better when we follow His directions. The Bible is for our instruction. It is spiritual food for us to grow by. Your faith will grow little over the years without meditating and applying the Word of God to your life. Many need to clean up some thing in their lives and the Bible is just the answer for that. Psalm 119:9 says, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word." We need to dig in and study the Word of God (Proverbs 2:4). Concordances and commentaries are often very helpful; but remember the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible itself. We see how imperative the Word of God is to us if we would grow in our faith. Another way we can increase our faith is to...
2. Pray Often and Watch God Work. Psalm 81:10 tells us to "open thy mouth wide and I will fill it." We should pray big prayers and never be afraid to ask God for a miracle. The God that still owns the cattle on a thousand hills still delights in answering our humble and often feeble prayers. God wants to bless us more than we want to be blessed. We all know that God can, but we often doubt as to whether or not He will. If we are obedient, and if we are serious about serving God, than we should not be shy about asking things from God. Look for God's hand in your life and look at how he has blessed and taken care of you so far. Pray believing and trusting in God for His will. When we pray in the will of God, we will always get our prayer answered. If we want to increase our faith, we should hear more of the Word of God, we should pray often and watch God work, and lastly...
3. Stay Involved In Church and Watch God Work. Hebrews 10:25 says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see that day approaching." Notice the words "exhorting one another". Faith grows when we serve God as part of a local New Testament church. We get that exhortation to grow and to press on that upward way, toward higher ground. There should not be any "Lone Ranger Christians". God still works through the local church. Now I am talking about a church working **very hard** to win others to the Lord. A church that fully stands on the authority of God's Word. Many churches today are like the Laodicean church in Revelation 3. This church though **they** had arrived and that **they** didn't need God. This church had more faith in themselves than they had in the Lord. The truth is today that not many people, if any at all, will ever grown much in their faith or overcome sin in their lives or reach their full potential in God's plan for their lives without being a part of a strong local church.

I realize the simplicity of the message today, but many, if not most Christians are not doing these three things consistently and with the right heart and spirit. May God help us to choose God's best and to exercise our faith so that we will grow and prosper spiritually (Joshua 1: 8-9).



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We would also be glad to email you a copy of the newsletter.

Not only may it be more convenient for you, but it saves cost of printing and mailing for the Foundation.

To be removed from our mailing list for the newsletter and/or added to our email list, contact Julie Howard, Foundation Director at julie@carolinaeast.org or at 910-296-8061.



Home Care & Hospice Foundation, Inc.

“Hospice Walk & Run for Hope”

Saturday, October 8, 2011 – Walk begins at 8:00 a.m.

Duplin Cooperative Extension, 165 Agriculture Drive, Kenansville

(Walk will take place on the track around the Cooperative Extension building)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

****Tee Shirt - \$15.00**

____ Yes ____ No _____ Size

**Shirts will be pre-ordered. Only a limited supply will be available for sale during the event.

I will be: **Walking/Running in the Event** - \$25.00 per person

***Purchasing a (12X18) memorial/honorarium sign for the Event** - \$25.00 per sign

In Memory In Honor – of _____

***Sponsoring the Event –**

A shirt will be provided to all sponsors, please list size above.

Gold - \$200 – Name on all press releases related to the event; Sign (18X24) with business name displayed in a prominent area during the event; Logo on Commemorative Tee Shirts (logo must be provided)

Silver - \$100 – Sign (18X24) with business name displayed on the route; Medium sized printed sponsor name on Commemorative Tee Shirts

Bronze - \$50 – Sign (12X18) with business name displayed on the route; Small sized printed name on Commemorative Tee Shirts

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****All memorial signs/sponsorships must be requested no later than Friday, September 23, 2011 in order for the signs to be prepared prior to the event.***



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Dates To Remember

Submitted By
Julie Howard, Foundation Director

Join Us for our 2011 Fundraising Events!

We need you! Without you and your support, Carolina East would not be able to serve all patients, regardless of their ability to pay for services. Your involvement in these fundraisers makes that possible.

September 17, 2011—2nd Annual “Ride for Relief” Poker Run starting at Shelton’s Harley Davidson and ending at James Sprunt Community College

October 8, 2011—4th Annual Hospice Walk & Run for Hope, Kenansville, NC

November 7, 2011—4th Annual Tree of Remembrance Ceremony at the Milford & Reba Quinn Hospice Care Center.

More information about each of these events can be found online at
http://www.carolinaeast.org/news_events/events.html.

