

# Storylines

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## A Trip to Remember

**Veterans & AuthoraCare Nurse  
Recall Triad Honor Flight**

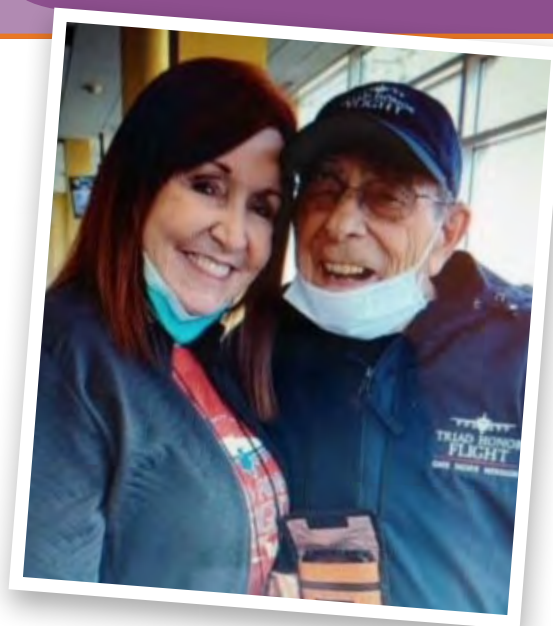
By Charity Apple

**R**ounding the corner at Piedmont-Triad International Airport on April 27, Korean and Vietnam War veteran Ed Campbell Jr. couldn't believe what he saw – and heard.

"People were cheering, clapping, and waving American flags. That certainly wasn't what it was like during or after the Vietnam War for us," said Campbell, a retired Chief Petty Officer in the Navy who served 22 years spanning from the Korean War through the end of the Vietnam War. "During the Vietnam War, I wouldn't dare wear my uniform off base because of the reaction I would get; it wasn't favorable at all."

Campbell and his volunteer guardian, AuthoraCare Collective nurse Dona George, were among the 94 veterans and 84 guardians who traveled to Washington, D.C. as part of the Triad Honor Flight that day. A new 501c3 nonprofit organization, it is part of the Honor Flight Network which has hubs at 130 airports throughout the nation.

Hundreds of people arrived, hours before the plane landed, with signs of appreciation and small American flags. As the veterans walked by, onlookers would shout. "Welcome Home" and "Thank You for Your Service." Some veterans and guardians were so overcome by emotion that they wiped away tears. Campbell and George clasped hands as they waved to the crowd.



**A photo (above), shot moments after disembarking the plane, illustrated the relationship George and Campbell have created since being paired for this event.**

"We're leaning toward each other. From the beginning, I have been leaning on her," Campbell said. George responded, "and I have leaned back."

Triad Honor Flight participants toured the Air Force, Iwo Jima, Korean, Vietnam and World War II memorials and Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

This was Campbell's first visit to the memorial sites and he described the one-day trip as "colossal."

"It was highlighted by the fact that I had Dona as a guiding light," he said with a smile.

Campbell's brother-in-law was set to attend the flight but was unable to participate at the last minute. Vietnam veteran Bob Ramsey took his place. His guardian was Doug Huff, husband of Sue Huff, AuthoraCare's Clinical Orientation Coordinator. [continued on pg 3](#)

*Sue Huff; Bob Ramsey, Vietnam veteran; and Doug Huff, Sue's husband, who served as Ramsey's guardian for the Triad Honor Flight. [Charity Apple]*



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## CEO Reflection

### Leaning Into the 'Great Mystery'

Our 2022 Annual Campaign launched in May with writer Cindy Adams as campaign chair.

Many in the community know Cindy for her literary contributions to publications like the O. Henry magazine. What many do not know is that she has been a longtime hospice patient volunteer, donor, and advocate.

Although we receive reimbursements from Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance, these benefits are not enough to cover all the costs for the breadth of services we provide. The campaign raises vital support to fill this gap.

Cindy's campaign letter will raise needed funding. But it has also given voice to the ongoing need for honest and transparent conversations about death and dying, which she calls the "Great Mystery." As she recalls her own journey of discovery, her appeal challenges us to also "lean into" the subject.

Telling our story through word of mouth and education raises awareness of our programs. Knowledge often removes barriers for families needing access to services. Demystifying the dying process can reduce fear, create understanding, and can prompt emotional healing.

Therefore, inspired by Cindy's challenge to "lean into" the topic, our next Power of Knowing offering will be a two-part webinar to explore the death and dying process. The webinars are designed to delve into the physical, emotional, and spiritual journey for patients and family members from earlier stages of illness through death and bereavement.

Part One will focus on issues of treatment decisions, shifting of roles within the family, along with the physical changes and emotional and spiritual challenges that many patients and families experience.

Part Two will focus on the later stages of illness including care needs and physical changes in the weeks and days prior to death. Challenges of caregiving and family coping will be discussed along with grief before and after the death takes place.

I hope you will join us in supporting the 2022 Annual Campaign. And I hope you will join us in June for what is sure to be a powerful conversation.



**Kristen Wither Yntema, MBA, MHSA**

President and CEO, AuthoraCare Collective



*Kristen Yntema*

# A Trip to Remember

(cont. from cover)

"When I went to Vietnam, there were conflicting views of the war," Ramsey said. "When we got back to base, we could see the negative protests on Armed Forces TV. It was the Tet Offensive that was the turning point of people who supported and felt like the war was not winnable. When we returned to the United States, we saw that people were so enraged about the war that we barely had time to take our uniforms off. We tried not to speak about the war."

"The return to Greensboro was totally different," Ramsey added. "I was amazed at the number of people and the love and respect we had not gotten after the war."

Ramsey's favorite part of the trip was "the camaraderie shared with other veterans who had similar experiences. I sat with a 100-year-old World War II veteran. We discussed the differences between the two war periods."

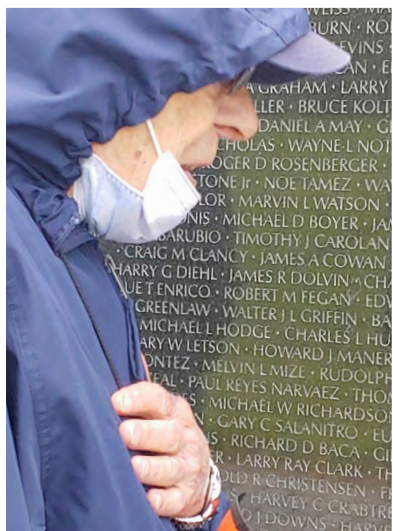
A few months prior to the trip, George launched a Facebook fundraiser for the We Honor Veterans program at AuthoraCare Collective, which raised over \$2,000.

"I am so thankful that people contributed to this wonderful organization which does so much for our veterans," she said.

On the trip, George carried items from four men who have been influential in her life – dog tags from her late "bonus" father, George Raymond Oakley; a Masonic ring from her late father, Leroy Rigsbee; a photo of her late father-in-law, Raymond "Rocky" Rochford; and a military pin from the late Nick Stakias, father of her best friend, Kim, Finance Manager at AuthoraCare.

"It was an experience I will never forget," George said. "To see these memorials through the eyes of veterans, it's a whole different experience."

George snapped a photo of Campbell, hand over his heart, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



Ed Campbell Jr., a Korean and Vietnam War veteran, pauses to reflect at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

[Dona George]

"That wall almost made me cry," Campbell said. "I had buddies that didn't make it back from that war. On this trip, I was often thanked and called a hero, but I was no hero. These guys with their names on that wall are heroes to me."

One of Campbell's favorite stops on the trip was the Iwo Jima memorial, which he described as "fabulous and so detailed."

Campbell applauded the Triad Honor Flight organizers for creating a trip that "just seemed to flow. We were on the move all day long, but it didn't seem like it at all. I'd do it again in a minute!"

George said that for her, "it was a life-changing experience. We grow up and read about war conflicts in history books, but to actually be with the people who lived through it, well, there's no comparison."



Vietnam veteran Bob Ramsey, left, and Doug Huff, are shown returning from the Triad Honor Flight. [Charity Apple]



Korean and Vietnam War veteran Ed Campbell Jr. and AuthoraCare Collective nurse Dona George return from the Triad Honor Flight on April 27. [Charity Apple]





# We Honor Veterans



## 15 Things Veterans Want You To Know

By Kate Clancy Phillips

Veterans are uniquely shaped by their military experience. For civilians and persons not familiar with military culture, knowing what to say to a veteran and how can be daunting.

The PsychArmor Institute interviewed hundreds of veterans, asking the question: “What’s one thing you want others to know about you as a veteran?”. Their responses were used to develop 15 key things that you should keep in mind the next time you meet someone who has served in the military.

Start a conversation by asking: “Did you serve in the military?”

If the answer is yes, the following 15 things will help ensure that your next conversation with a veteran is meaningful and respectful.

### 1. NOT ALL WHO SERVE ARE SOLDIERS

Did you know that each branch of the U.S. military has its own title for service members? Soldiers are specific to the Army only.

You can demonstrate that you understand that the branches are all different by asking a veteran which branch they served in.

### 2. RESERVES ARE PART OF THE MILITARY

There are two ways to serve in the U.S. military.

Active duty service is a full-time job. However, those who serve in the Reserves live as civilians most of the time and may be called away from their civilian jobs at any time for a mission. Reservists train monthly and are always ready to answer the call when they are needed.



### 3. NOT EVERYONE IN THE MILITARY IS INFANTRY: THERE ARE MANY JOBS

Traditionally, we picture the job of a military person as being in a tank or on patrol.

However, there are thousands of different jobs in the military: cooks, mechanics, lawyers, doctors, and even musicians to name a few.

After you ask a veteran which branch they served in, ask: “What was your job?” You might be surprised by the breadth of answers you receive!

### 4. THE MILITARY VALUES LEADERSHIP

Military culture holds a heavy emphasis on leadership. Following orders, being accountable, and respecting authority are often points of pride for those who serve.

### 5. THE MILITARY IS ALWAYS ON DUTY

Those who have served in the armed forces know what it’s like to work 24/7. Because they never know when they might be needed for a mission, it can be hard to fully relax. This daily stress can take a toll on those who have served.

# 15 Things Veterans Want You To Know

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## 6. THE MILITARY TAKES PRIDE IN APPEARANCE

All branches of the military have standards for appearance and conduct. While a civilian might view these standards as restrictive, appearance and physical fitness are often a matter of pride for veterans long after they serve.

## 7. DON'T ASK VETERANS IF THEY HAVE KILLED SOMEONE

Not all members of the military have killed someone, and those who have do not want to discuss it. Never ask a veteran or military service member this question.

## 8. VETERANS DO NOT ALL HAVE PTSD

Combat or other experiences can be traumatic and cause Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). However, not everyone who has served in the military develops PTSD.

## 9. THOSE WHO DO HAVE INVISIBLE WOUNDS OF WAR ARE NOT DANGEROUS OR VIOLENT

Invisible combat wounds, such as PTSD, traumatic brain injury, depression, or substance use disorder are not as immediately visible as other injuries, but they are real and serious injuries requiring treatment. TV and movies often portray veterans with invisible wounds as violent. This is a myth. It is important to know that the vast majority of people with invisible wounds are not dangerous or violent.

## 10. IT IS OFTEN HARD FOR VETERANS TO ASK FOR HELP

Military culture is others-based. Historically, the military has promoted service over self-care. For many veterans, it is difficult to reach out and ask for help. It is meaningful to understand this when you are speaking with a veteran who you suspect is in need of help or support.

## 11. MILITARY SERVICE CHANGES VETERANS

Serving in the military changes people, regardless of their type or length of service. The change is permanent, and that's OK.

## 12. VETERANS DIFFER IN HOW MUCH THEY IDENTIFY WITH THE MILITARY

Every veteran is different. Some view their military service as a central part of their personality and lifestyle long after retirement. Others do not identify strongly with their military service. It may be helpful to ask a veteran: "How has your military service shaped you?" to better understand how they define themselves in the present.

## 13. THEIR FAMILIES SERVED WITH THEM

Military families have unique experiences, as they are frequently separated from loved ones. Some families must move frequently, requiring them to change jobs and/or schools every two to three years. This requires resilience and sacrifice of the whole family— not just the military person.

## 14. VETERANS WOULD DIE FOR EACH OTHER AND THEIR COUNTRY

Current and retired military service members are willing to sacrifice their lives for their fellow service members and their country. Many members of our military have made this sacrifice.

## 15. VETERANS MADE SACRIFICES TO SERVE SOMETHING GREATER THAN THEMSELVES

The military culture of sacrifice defines many veterans. Those who make the choice to serve demonstrate honor, commitment, and duty. They are deserving of our respect and gratitude.

*Learn more about how  
AuthoraCare Collective supports  
Veterans at [authoracare.org/whv](https://authoracare.org/whv).*

# AuthoraCare Welcomes Two Public Support Coordinators

*Theresa Hancock, Cindy Skinner Join Marketing and Development Team*

By Charity Apple

Theresa Hancock and Cindy Skinner recently joined AuthoraCare Collective's Marketing and Development team as Public Support Coordinators in the Greensboro and Burlington offices, respectively.

Public Support Coordinators are responsible for connecting individual donors, community groups and corporate sponsors with the charitable needs of the organization.

"Building relationships that deepen our donors' experiences in support of our work creates more meaningful impact," said Paul Russ, Vice President of Marketing and Development.

**Theresa Hancock** joined the team on Feb. 7. Prior to joining AuthoraCare, Hancock served as the Director of Donor Relations and Stewardship at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG). During her 14-year career at UNCG, Hancock held various roles in The Graduate School and University Advancement.

Hancock was first introduced to the organization when her mother became a hospice patient.

"Beacon Place holds a special place in my heart," she said. "I am grateful for my mother's care and for the support my family received during her journey."

Experiencing the services firsthand provided a valuable perspective.

"It has given me insight and empathy for the many supporters we are fortunate to have," Hancock said. "I appreciate the heart connection to this work and feel a responsibility to maintain those positive feelings."



Theresa Hancock



Cindy Skinner

In her spare time, she is a watercolorist and enjoys creating artwork in her backyard studio. She enjoys traveling and lives in High Point with her husband.

**Cindy Skinner**, of Burlington, joined the team on March 21. Skinner had a 25-year career with SAS in Cary, which included serving as Senior Customer Success Manager for 13 years, along with various roles in the organization involving sales.

Skinner, who served as caregiver for both her father and mother for several years, said "caregiving is something I am definitely passionate about - whether that's for people or animals."

Although she has only been in the role for a few months, Skinner said, "It is such gratifying work. Most people, in their lifetime, will have experience with hospice care, whether that is for themselves, family members or friends."

Skinner's father was cared for by hospice and "I saw how important this organization is to the patient as well as the family."

One of the aspects of the job she loves the most is "AuthoraCare makes a difference in people's lives. This is good work, which makes the community a better place to be."

"We are so fortunate to have two coordinators designated for the communities we serve who are mission-driven and passionate about our work," Russ added.

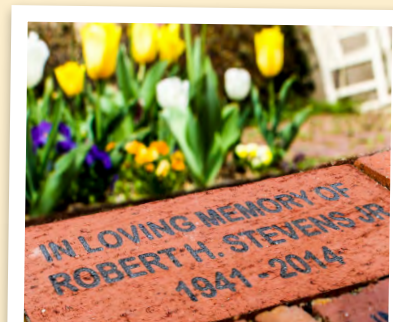
## Order a Commemorative Brick for Your Loved One

Commemorative bricks create a lasting tribute to a loved one. Each fall, these engraved bricks are installed in the walkways of AuthoraCare's Greensboro Campus gardens.

To have your commemorative brick installed in time for the annual dedication ceremony this fall, **please be sure to place your order by June 30.**

**DID YOU KNOW?** You can order a commemorative plaque to be installed on AuthoraCare's Burlington Campus year-round!

To purchase a commemorative brick or plaque, please visit [authoracare.org/give](https://authoracare.org/give).





# Meet Our 2022 Campaign Chair

## AUTHOR/VOLUNTEER SHARES WHY SHE SUPPORTS AUTHORACARE

By Charity Apple

AuthoraCare Foundation launched its 2022 Annual Campaign this May. Longtime supporter and community volunteer Cindy Adams will lead the effort.

“Annual support is crucial because while most AuthoraCare services are reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance, many important programs have little or no funding sources,” said Paul Russ, Vice President of Marketing and Development. “For example, care for the indigent, services for grieving and medically fragile children, and bereavement counseling for adults are all vulnerable without philanthropic dollars.”

In fact, each year AuthoraCare must raise nearly \$2 million to provide these services to the community. The Annual Campaign represents about 30 percent of the funding needed. The remainder is generated through major gifts, special events, memorial giving, and Thrift Store support. These services, which are beyond basic hospice care, are an expression of AuthoraCare’s mission to empower people to be active participants in their care journey, enabling them to live on their own terms through personalized support for mind, body, and spirit.

AuthoraCare’s board and trustees believe in meeting the unique needs of the community, and to date, because of strong community support, no one has ever been denied care because of an inability to pay.

Cindy Adams first learned about AuthoraCare Collective, formerly Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro, in 1990 as a volunteer.

“I became a volunteer to lean into the Great Mystery – mortality,” she wrote in her annual campaign appeal.

As a writer, Cindy Adams is intrigued by unknowns: Who, what, when, where, why and how? Her father’s sudden death at age 61 was a turning point in her life.



*Writer Cindy Adams will lead AuthoraCare Collective’s 2022 Annual Campaign. Adams is a longtime AuthoraCare supporter and community volunteer. [Nancy Evelyn]*

“As I began my study of death, I quickly learned it was a great taboo. People turned away from that conversation. I discovered through volunteering for hospice that the conversation only expanded. Patients, families, and staff offered keys to the Great Mystery, opening surprising doors and lessons about living,” she wrote.

In 2004, Adams wrote a commemorative book, “The Extraordinary Ordinary,” 28 essays detailing the extraordinary, yet ordinary experiences of hospice work. In addition, she wrote and edited William Mangum’s “The Village of Pinehurst” and edited “Carolina Preserves.”

Adams also has published a young adult biography of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and has taught writing at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro’s Bryan School and the Webster University in the Netherlands. A writer for newspapers and magazines, she is a contributing editor to the O. Henry and Seasons magazines, and she has earned awards from the North Carolina Press Association.

When friends inquired why she has volunteered for hospice, Adams responded, “It began selfishly. It remains selfish. I want to bank goodwill and support for the program so that it will be there for me when I need it and for you, too.”

On any given day, AuthoraCare serves nearly 600 hospice patients and countless others receive support for advancing illness and grief.

“Let’s work together to keep the conversation going. It is the only way to ensure people who need care are aware and open to this amazing service,” Adams added.

You can support AuthoraCare’s Annual Campaign by visiting [authoracare.org/give2022](https://authoracare.org/give2022) or clicking the button below.

INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING AUTHORACARE’S ANNUAL CAMPAIGN?  
**CLICK HERE TO MAKE A DONATION TODAY! WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.**

## LAYERS OF LOVE

By Charity Apple

The whimsical panels around Beacon Place's Little Boy Fountain Garden recently received a facelift.

"They seem peaceful and happy like the original artist intended them to be," said Mike Evans, a longtime AuthoraCare Collective supporter during a recent visit to the garden.



[Theresa Hancock]

The panels, pictured above, resemble scenes in a children's book - colorful, lively images of dragonflies, bees, butterflies, ladybugs, etc.

The original wooden panels were created in memory of Donna Schultz, a former volunteer at Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro (now AuthoraCare Collective), by her family. Schultz served as a volunteer at the front desk at Kids Path as well as a "Busy Bee," creating Memory Bears for Kids Path families, and donating plants from her own garden to the Kids Path Garden.

Evans, whose mother was cared for at Beacon Place, stepped forward to underwrite the cost of the project. The panels were revitalized by metal artist Jim Gallucci.

"Mike saw the old wooden panels breaking down from weather and wear and wanted to do something that would keep the original artwork intact as well as be here for people to enjoy for years to come," said Sally Cobb, Horticultural Therapist at AuthoraCare.

The panels were originally designed for two functions - to act as a barrier to the noise created by traffic on adjoining streets - and to serve as a beautiful focal point for patients and families.

"I think of this project as being built on layers of love," Evans said. "Donna Schultz's family took the love they had for her and created a layer. Sally Cobb had a vision, which created another layer. And patients, staff, and volunteers (past and present) are layers of love here, too. These panels will be here for years to come for patients, families, and all to enjoy!"

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# Corks for Kids Path

## Greensboro's Premier Wine Tasting Event

*We hope to see you this Friday at Corks for Kids Path 2022!*

Even if you don't plan on attending this year, you can still participate and help support Kids Path by:

- Purchasing a case of wine
- Buying an experience raffle ticket

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022**  
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**620 South Elm Street**  
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# What's Happening?

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Yoga for Managing Grief Stress

*A yoga class for those coping with grief and loss.*

**Monday, July 11, 2022 | 6 - 7 p.m.**

**Tuesday, July 12, 2022 | noon - 1 p.m.**

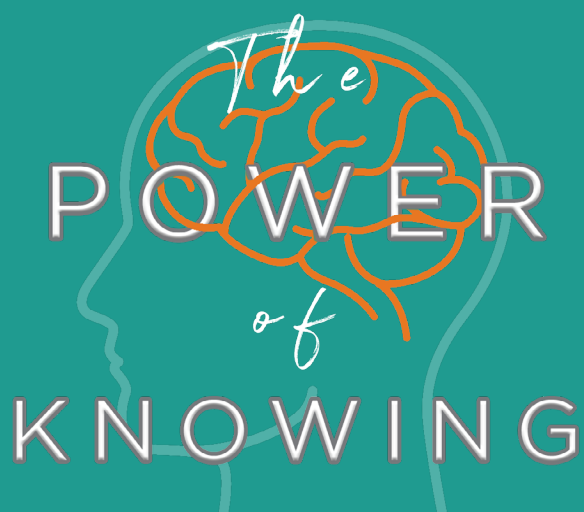
### Journaling Through Grief

*A creative journaling workshop for grieving persons.*

**Thursday, August 11, 2022 | 6 - 7 p.m.**

To register and receive information, contact 336.621.2500 or email [contact@authoracare.org](mailto:contact@authoracare.org).

Visit [authoracare.org](http://authoracare.org) for our most current calendar.



*A Free Webinar Series*

### The Death Experience

**Part 1: June 23, 2022 | 12 - 1 p.m.**

**Part 2: June 30, 2022 | 12 - 1 p.m.**

The diagnosis of a progressive or terminal illness can create a crisis for patients and families. This 2 part webinar will explore the physical, emotional and spiritual impact on patients and family members from earlier stages of illness up through death and bereavement. Palliative Care and Hospice experts will share their knowledge along the husband of a patient who served as a caregiver through the time of his wife's death.

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Grief and Loss During COVID-19 | Parts 1 & 2

The Benefits of Palliative Care During COVID-19

Advance Care Planning During COVID-19

Diversity & Inclusion Series

The Impact of COVID-19 on Children and Teens

Giving Thanks: An Overview of AuthoraCare's Services

Healing Hearts During COVID-19

Beyond the Casserole: Supporting Grieving Persons

COVID-19 Vaccine: Question, Answers, Concerns

Dementia | Parts 1 & 2

Finding Joy During A Long Journey of Illness

The Patient and Caregiver Experience

Whole-Person Care

Aging in LGBTQ+ Communities | Parts 1 & 2

Leaving a Legacy

Transitions & Life Changes *New!*



# An Innovative Partnership

## New Counseling Program from AuthoraCare and Well-Spring Wins Award

By Charity Apple

The Bridges Program, a partnership between Well•Spring, A Life Plan Community and AuthoraCare Collective, received LeadingAge North Carolina's 2022 Excellence in Innovation award on May 11 during a ceremony in Asheville.

"It's a real testament to the creativity and thought that went into this," said Lynn Wooten, Vice President of Marketing & Public Relations at Well•Spring. "It shows that Well•Spring and AuthoraCare are ahead of the curve in dealing with something that, for a lot of people, is unaddressed."

The Bridges Program was developed after residents expressed a desire for additional emotional support.

"It was high on their wish list," Wooten said. "This is a challenging time of life for our residents. For some, they are dealing with the loss of being able to drive. For others, they are downsizing, which can be an emotional, gut-wrenching move from the home they have lived in for several years to an apartment."

The Bridges Program is made up of three options for residents: Continuing discussions with a Well•Spring social worker; The Transitions and Life Changes Counseling Service offered through AuthoraCare Collective; and seeking guidance from a member of Well•Spring's Chaplain Services team.

"This multi-prong approach supports the emotional needs of our residents around change," he added.

In May 2021, Lynley SanGeorge, transitioned from her role as a Long-Term Care Social Worker

at AuthoraCare Collective to Transitions and Life Changes Counselor.

SanGeorge's office is located inside one of Well•Spring's campus apartments.

Caregiver support groups are being offered and a monthly expressive arts group for residents is in the works. Individual counseling sessions also are available.

The program is still evolving, too. "There's so much guilt and stress that comes with caregiving," she said. "There's something so powerful about being in a group setting, feeling validated and normalized."

One of the exercises SanGeorge teaches residents is belly breathing. A small painting in her office, which SanGeorge created, has the words "Just Breathe" written on it. "It's amazing how we all seem to hold our breath. Breathing deeply can help alleviate the stress and tension you may be feeling," she added.

This innovative program was developed with aging populations in mind because "this generation seems to feel that they can shoulder whatever comes their way, but it's important to know that none

of us can walk this path by ourselves. Being in a supportive community can make all of the difference."

When it comes to therapy, SanGeorge said, "there's no magic word. It can be difficult but give yourself grace and have support. Figure out what brings you joy."

Serving as TLC counselor has made a difference in SanGeorge's life as well.

"I learn a lot from our interactions, too," she added.



*John Bayersdorfer, resident at Well•Spring, A Life Plan Community; Lynley SanGeorge, Transitions and Life Changes Counselor; Alan Tutterow, Chief Operating Officer of Well•Spring; and Tom Akins, President/CEO of LeadingAge North Carolina. [Photo submitted]*

## AuthoraCare's Chief Medical Officer named AHHC of NC's Physician of the Year

By Charity Apple

When Dr. Juan-Carlos Monguilod first received an email stating he had been awarded Physician of the Year by the Association for Home & Hospice Care of North Carolina (AHHC of NC), he thought it was a joke.



*Dr. Juan-Carlos Monguilod,  
Chief Medical Officer at  
AuthoraCare Collective.*

"I came very close to deleting the email and moving on with my day," he said. "Throughout my career, I have always believed success in health care is achieved thanks to teamwork. That is why I have not expected nor sought any personal recognition or award. The patient care and family experience success in our health care field is achieved by the interdisciplinary team's hard work. This award is the result of the collective actions from others at AuthoraCare. I am very fortunate to have such strong teams."

The award was presented May 2 on behalf of AHHC of NC's Public Relations Committee during the 50th Annual Convention & Expo at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree.

Dr. Monguilod, known as Dr. Carlos, has served AuthoraCare for 16 years as Chief Medical Officer. A graduate of the Zaragoza University School of Medicine in Zaragoza, Spain, he was part of the hospitalist movement in Greensboro and led the first hospitalist team through Eagle Physicians. He then worked in the Long-Term Care and hospital settings before coming to AuthoraCare.

"Working in hospice and palliative medicine is the exact setting that fulfills me as a person and physician. It is a privilege and an honor

to participate in the care of people at one of the most difficult times of their lives," he said. "This experience provides us with many life lessons and perspectives that can make our own lives more meaningful and fulfilling."

During the pandemic, he helped create a monthly virtual educational series which encouraged professional staff development for AuthoraCare clinicians. He was instrumental in creating a webinar to encourage the importance of COVID-19 vaccines among the Latino and Hispanic populations.

He also spearheaded a collaboration between AuthoraCare and Compassion Health Care Inc. to provide clinic-based palliative care services to Caswell County residents; the new program launched on March 16.

"Through his collaborative leadership and his compassionate, patient and family centered approaches, he has shown how home care and palliative care partnerships can make such a difference to those who are most vulnerable in our communities," said Devin Griffith, AuthoraCare's Chief Operating Officer.

He served on the COVID-19 Task Force with our local health system to monitor the pandemic in our community and formulate the public health response.

"Employees at every level of the organization trusted his guidance, experience, and direction as we moved through multiple phases of the pandemic," said Jeanine Falcon, Vice President of Human Resources.

He recently completed the Physician Leadership Academy offered by Cone Health and continuously serves on committees that integrate community partnerships within AuthoraCare.

"He always goes above and beyond to make sure our organization is taken care of and to make certain that we are in the best position to optimally serve our community," said Cheryl Rodrigues, Administrative Director of Palliative Care.

Well-respected among colleagues, patients, and families, he works alongside individuals, and teams, to provide the best care possible.

"I am grateful for the clinical and compassionate care he provides. He works quietly behind the scenes and never asks for recognition for what he does," said Kristen Yntema, President/CEO. "Our patients, team members and our community are incredibly lucky to have him share his gifts and talents with us."



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### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golf Tournament Held May 2<sup>nd</sup>

By Cindy Skinner

For 30 years now, local golfers have gathered at Alamance Country Club on the first Monday in May to play in the Hospice League Golf Tournament.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the tournament was delayed for two years. The 30th anniversary event took place on Monday, May 2.

Twenty-eight teams participated in the Four-Person Captain's Choice tournament, which as in previous years, generated funds for AuthoraCare Collective's Hospice Home. Since its inception, the tournament has raised \$1.5 million.

LabCorp served as the tournament sponsor and Truist Bank sponsored the buffet lunch.

The event featured cash prizes for closest to the hole on par 3's; and longest drive on 12th hole. A new Ford truck was up for grabs if a hole-in-one was achieved. And \$10,000 was a possible prize for a putting contest.

Planning for the event began in January and committee chairman, David Scott, worked closely with the committee and AuthoraCare team members. The committee included: Peter Barcus, former CEO of Hospice and Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell; Alanna Cousin, Finance Coordinator, who served as the tournament's Administrator; and Paul Russ, Vice President of Marketing and Development.

"As someone who has worked on this tournament since 1996, it is gratifying to me to see the



*Golfers sit in their carts, ready for the 30th Hospice League Golf Classic to begin. [Charity Apple]*

number of businesses and players who commit to continuing to play with us every year," David Scott said. "This year, we had three sponsors and two players who were with us in 1991 – Truist Bank (CCB in 1991); Glen Raven Inc., Lowe Funeral Home and Danny Jefferson and Phil Stuart. The openhandedness of our community toward hospice is an encouragement to the members of our committee; thank you!"

Former tournament chairmen, who were in attendance, included: Faye Boswell, Hospice League founder and volunteer; Diane Barnwell; Eddie Rogers; Dale Stearns; and Keith Strickland. Each had stories of past golf tournaments. They talked about the hard work, planning and dedication it takes to present the event each year, but all agreed that it is worth the effort to help patients and families!

Thank you to everyone involved! This event would not have been possible without support from the golf teams, sponsors. AuthoraCare staff, and the Alamance Country Club - especially Drake Woodside, Golf Pro and Ken Jenkins, chef.

Those interested in serving on the 2023 committee can contact David Scott at 336-214-4417 or Cindy Skinner at 336-329-0313, ext. 7166.

### Delta Delta Delta Sorority's Raffle Raises Funds for Kids Path

By Theresa Hancock



The Greensboro Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority met for its annual Pansy Brunch at the beautiful home of Bonnie Nolan on Saturday, April 9. After a couple of years break during the pandemic, they were glad to reconnect in person.

Throughout the year, the Tri Delta members collect items with pansies, pearls, pines, or dolphins for a raffle with the proceeds benefitting Kids Path. In the past 22 years, they have raised almost \$11,000 to support children coping with serious illness and loss.

Members have also participated in the Kids Path's annual Holiday Cheer program, providing toys and gift cards to brighten the spirits of the families we serve.

## 10th Annual Car and Bike Show Raises \$20,599 for Kids Path

By Cindy Skinner

“King of the Ranch,” the 10th annual Kids Path Car & Bike Show, raised \$20,599 for AuthoraCare Collective’s Kids Path program.

Hosted by the Lakeview Speed Shop and Heat Car Club, the car and bike show took place April 9 at the Cadillac Ranch, 6330 David Moore Rd., Green Level. It featured 62 local sponsors, which included area businesses and individuals. Cash prizes were awarded to winners of the car and bike categories, a raffle for various prizes, and a 50/50 raffle was held. Live music was provided by The Mason Lovette Band and TOYZ.



Jamie Boone, owner of the Lakeview Speed Shop and Heat Car Club; Leah Dodson, venue manager for the Cadillac Ranch; Ronnie Stallings, owner of the Cadillac Ranch; and Walter “Bird Dog” Riddle pose for a photo. [Charity Apple]

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was delayed for two years.

This was the first year at the Cadillac Ranch, an event venue located on 62 acres with two ponds, which made for a scenic experience. Primarily held on the last weekend of April, the date was changed to earlier in the month due to other events being planned that same weekend.

Ronnie Stallings, owner of the Cadillac Ranch, and his daughter, Leah Dodson, venue manager, said they were thrilled to hold the event at their venue.

“It’s such a good feeling to be able to give back to somebody who really needs it,” Stallings said. “We do it all for the kids.”

Kids Path, which provides support for medically fragile children and grieving children, relies

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Cars and motorcycles competed in various classes. [Kimberly Dawn Photography]

on public support for nearly 70 percent of its operating budget.

Although Stallings and Dodson admit that this year was much cooler, weather-wise, that didn’t deter people from attending.

“It was a really good turnout,” Dodson said.

Seventy-two cars and up to 50 motorcycles participated in the car/bike show.

Walter “Bird Dog” Riddle and Jamie Boone, owner of Lakeview Speed Shop in Burlington, organized the event along with Allison Nichols of Maple View Farm.

The first car and bike show to benefit Kids Path was held in 2011 at Ossipee Ski Lodge, Riddle said.

“We raised \$6,100 that year,” he added.

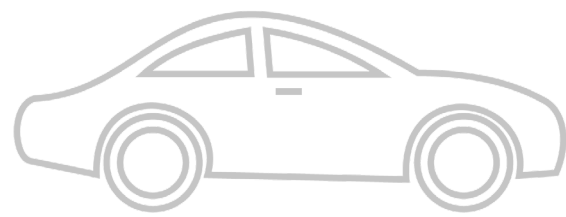
Riddle first became familiar with Kids Path when Samantha “Sam” Harvell, for whom Sam’s Wish Fund is named, was a Kids Path patient.

“I got to know Sam through Doug Shambley and from that point on, I wanted to be involved to help these kids,” Riddle said.

Since its inception, the car and bike show has raised \$125,000 for Kids Path.

Planning for the event, he said, begins in January each year.

The next car & bike show is planned for April 22, 2023 at Cadillac Ranch – we hope to see you there!



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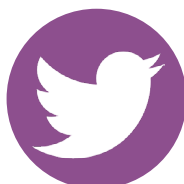
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