

The Henry Etta and Bruce Hinkle Hospice House

The Henry Etta and Bruce Hinkle Hospice House is the first hospice inpatient facility in Davidson County to provide end of life health care services for residents and their families facing terminal illness. Under the leadership of a community-based Capital Campaign Committee, led by chairs Bill and Ann McMurray, over \$3.4 million dollars has been raised during the past three years. With the campaign extending through 2009, the agency is hopeful that they will reach their goal of \$3.6 million before the end of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hinkle were advocates and supporters of hospice care and generously supported Hospice of Davidson County for many years. Prior to her death in 2005, Mrs. Henry Etta Hinkle proudly accepted the position of honorary chair of the Capital Campaign Committee. The Hinkle family remains involved to this day in supporting the efforts and services provided by Hospice of Davidson County.

Designed by architect David Polston of Wilmington, North Carolina, the Hinkle Hospice House is a premier facility for inpatient care. Mr. Polston previously lived in Davidson County and has contributed to the design of many hospice care facilities throughout the southeast. John S. Clark, Inc., served as the contracting company for the inpatient and home care/administrative facilities. The interior of both facilities was approached as a collaborative effort guided by Jan Scott, ASID, of Jan Scott Designs. Many local artisans and contractors contributed to the design and construction of the facility including: Brice Landscaping, Cunningham Brick, Ellenburg + Shaffer and Jacob's Creek Stone Company.

The twelve bed inpatient facility offers spacious patient rooms that are beautifully designed to meet the clinical needs of the patient while providing a home-like setting. Each room is also equipped with additional seating and a pull-out bed for overnight guests. In addition to patient needs, accommodations for family members of all ages were taken into consideration while designing the facility. This can be seen by the inclusion of common areas and private retreats located on each wing. Featured areas include: family rooms with kitchenettes, sun rooms and screen porches. Additional care was taken to also provide a meditation room, play areas for children, private meeting areas, laundry access and wireless internet throughout. Outside grounds have been carefully planned to allow for play areas, walking paths, floral gardens, fountains and future expansion of the facility.

The Henry Etta and Bruce Hinkle Hospice House is located adjacent to the Home Care and Administrative Offices of Hospice of Davidson County. Last year the agency served 349 patients and provided bereavement services to over 200 families in the community. Hospice of Davidson County is a non-profit, United Way agency and is also accredited by the Accreditation Commission of Health Care, a further recognition of the excellence of their healthcare practices.