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HOSPICE OF DAVIDSON COUNTY TO DEDICATE INPATIENT FACILITY

Lexington, North Carolina, February 2, 2009 – On Sunday, February 15, from 2:00 – 5:00 pm, Hospice of Davidson County invites the public to attend a ribbon cutting and dedication service for *The Henry Etta and Bruce Hinkle Hospice House*. The facility will host an open house for the public following the dedication service at 2:30 pm.

The Henry Etta and Bruce Hinkle Hospice House will be the first hospice inpatient facility in Davidson County to offer end of life health care services for area residents and their families. The twelve-bed inpatient facility offers beautifully designed patient rooms, accommodations created to meet the needs of patient families of all ages, common areas and outdoor grounds. Many local artisans and contractors contributed to the design and construction of the facility.

The Henry Etta and Bruce Hinkle Hospice House has been funded through the generosity of area residents, businesses, civic organizations and congregations. Collectively over \$3.4 million dollars has been raised over the past three years despite the impact of a widespread economic downturn experienced by many in the community. With the capital campaign extending through the end of 2009, the agency is hopeful that they will reach their goal of \$3.6 million.

The dedication service will include remarks from special guests including a representative from the Hinkle family, Hospice founder and United Way president, Lee Jessup, Dr. David Williams, Thomasville Pediatrics, former Hospice board member, Barbara Smith, former CEO, Gary Drake and recently appointed CEO, Lisa Hathaway. Members of the nationally recognized Lexington Senior High School Choral Ensemble will also perform.

Parking at the Hospice facility is limited and attendees are encouraged to utilize a shuttle service provided by the Davidson County Transportation Department. Buses will run every 15 minutes to and from the site between the hours of 1:30 – 4:45 pm. Buses will depart from the Davidson

County Governmental Building parking lot located at 912 Greensboro Street, off North Main in Lexington.

Hospice of Davidson County is a non-profit, United Way agency serving terminally ill patients and their families. In 2008, the agency provided care for 349 patients and an additional 200 families who received bereavement support services. Hospice of Davidson County is accredited by the Accreditation Commission of Health Care, a further recognition of the excellence of their healthcare practices.

For more information regarding this event or to learn more about Hospice of Davidson County programs and services contact Laura Owen, Director of Communications and Development at: 1.800.768.4677 or lowen@hospiceofdavidson.org.

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