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Hospice to Present Spiritual Care Conference

(GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA)–Members of all faith communities are invited to attend Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro’s (HPCG) second annual spiritual care conference. “Companions on the Journey: Deepening the Conversation” will be held on Thursday, September 28 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Lusk Center, located at 2501 Summit Avenue in Greensboro.

Participants will gain a better understanding of the dying process and learn how to be more effective companions to those on the end-of-life journey.

“We will address different disease trajectories, changing nutrition and hydration needs near the end of life, psychosocial and psychospiritual needs, the importance of life review, the role of rituals as well as spiritual resiliency,” said Beverly Isley-Landreth, a chaplain and assistant director of support services at HPCG.

The morning session will feature a panel presentation with the hospice interdisciplinary team, who will take two different disease diagnoses and form a hypothetical plan of care for each. The goal is to present a clear picture of the end-of-life process and how to meet an individual’s physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

The afternoon session will feature six TED Talk-style presentations, covering topics such as spiritual needs of Veterans, visions and dreams at the end of life and advance directives. Speakers are trained hospice chaplains and topic experts who have worked with people at the end of life for many years.

Participants will also go on a virtual tour of the HPCG campus, with an optional physical tour of the hospice healing gardens following the afternoon session.

“The value of this event is in providing spiritual caregivers with a view of hospice care as it is crafted from the first day of admission,” said Isley-Landreth.

The event is particularly appropriate for clergy, lay and stephen ministers, chaplains, spiritual caregivers and congregational nurses. Registration is $35, and lunch is included. Register and learn more at www.hospicegso.org/companions

About Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro

HPCG, a nonprofit organization serving Guilford County and surrounding areas since 1980, is situated on a 14.75 acre campus at 2500 Summit Avenue. HPCG provides physical, emotional and spiritual support for children and adults faced with a life-limiting illness, as well as their caregivers and families. For more information, call 336.621.2500 or visit www.hospicegso.org.

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