Impact Report 2026

Duke HomeCare & Hospice



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on the past year, I want to extend my deepest gratitude for your financial support of Duke HomeCare & Hospice. Your shared passion for the well-being of our community's most vulnerable members continues to be the cornerstone of our mission.

In 2026, we celebrated several milestones that strengthened our ability to serve patients, families, and caregivers across the region. We proudly hosted our largest-ever Duke Caregiver Community Event, welcoming a record number of attendees and bringing together caregivers, healthcare professionals, and community partners committed to improving caregiver well-being. We were honored to host participants from across the country for a field lab experience, sharing Duke's innovative caregiver support model and helping advance efforts to expand caregiver support nationwide. We also celebrated Duke Home Health being named the #1 Home Health Agency in North Carolina by Newsweek, a recognition that reflects the exceptional care and dedication of our team members. Throughout the year, we continued to grow inpatient hospice services across our hospitals, creating greater access to hospice care for patients and families when they need it most. In addition, The Joint Commission completed its triennial survey, and Duke HomeCare & Hospice successfully maintained its deemed status, reaffirming our ongoing commitment to the highest standards of quality, safety, and patient care.

As we move into our 2026-27 fiscal year, you'll find us in the early planning stages of a special memorial tribute to honor patients, families, and loved ones who have touched our lives through Duke HomeCare & Hospice. This tribute will incorporate the names of those remembered through the Meadowlands program into a new dedication piece to be located on the grounds of the Hock Family Pavilion. We look forward to sharing more details as this meaningful project takes shape.

Thanks to your generosity, our patient assistance fund continues to expand, offering support to individuals and families facing financial hardship and helping them meet basic needs during difficult times. This fund has become a lifeline, helping community members access essential resources and regain stability and hope.

In this impact report, you'll see the remarkable journey we've undertaken this year, driven by our commitment to advancing home-based care and caregiver support. As we closed our fiscal year on June 30, 2026, we celebrated the lives touched through our programs and the collective impact made possible through your partnership.

From all of us at Duke HomeCare & Hospice, and with heartfelt appreciation, thank you.

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Children's Report

One of the most meaningful ways we provide support is through our bereavement services. And, during the past year, Duke Hospice Bereavement has paid particular attention to grieving children. Our monthly support group, ReLEAF Connections, offered participants various activities to explore their grief through art and games.



Duke Hospice Bereavement Services continues to support grieving children through several different programs. During fiscal year 2026, we had 19 participants with 87 encounters in our monthly support group, ReLEAF Connections. Participants joined us each month to enjoy a pizza dinner and connect with other grieving children through various activities. Some of the themes explored this year were rainbow of feelings, growing through grief, worries and fear, and the Invisible Dragon. Some of the participants' favorite activities included dancing with rainbow scarves, decorating flowerpots, creating worry monsters, and using animal features as a metaphor for their grief. We also had five participants graduate from the program, with some attending for the last 2 1/2 years. Since we recognize grief continues throughout a lifetime, twice a year we are inviting back participants who have graduated to continue the connections and build mentorship.

We were able to continue to serve three middle schools, running a grief support group with the school social worker/counselor. These 19 participants joined during the school day, which made the groups more accessible for participants. Sadly, due to all of the snowy weather, we were not able to meet for the full six weeks but we still had 81 encounters over the course of the groups. All participants who filled out the survey said they would recommend the group to a friend. One participant commented that they learned they did not have to keep things in all of the time and that the group helped them realize they were not alone.

Camp ReLEAF

Our annual Camp ReLEAF was held on April 18, and was attended by 35 campers ranging in age from 6 to 14 years old. The day was filled with art, music, and movement games. Campers made sunbaked s'mores and remembrance luminaries for the closing ceremony.

We continue to appreciate the support from Carolina Meadows who provided us with a delicious dinner and snack and Duke Auxiliary who helped us purchase activity supplies, t-shirts, bags, and water bottles for each camper. Camp ReLEAF would not be possible without our amazing volunteers, each of whom provided warm smiles and support for the campers. In fact, some campers shared how they felt loved and not alone in their grief since everyone has lost someone, they liked meeting new friends, and they learned to accept the loss and let go.

Save the Date

- **Dec. 8, 2026 | 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**
  Lights of Remembrance
  21 Alexandria Way
  Durham, NC 27713

- **May 15, 2027**
  Camp ReLEAF
  New Hope Camp and Conference Center
  4805 NC 86
  Chapel Hill, NC 27514

- **June 5, 2027**
  Duke Hospice Gala
  Washington Duke Inn
  3001 Cameron Blvd.
  Durham, NC 27705

- **Aug. 14, 2027 | 10 a.m.**
  Service of Remembrance
  Goodson Chapel
  407 Chapel Drive
  Durham, NC 27708

- **Sept. 8 & 9, 2027**
  Duke Caregiver Community Event
  Sheraton Imperial
  4700 Emperor Blvd.
  Durham, NC 27703

When HomeCare Becomes Family



Vijay Jaiswal lived a full and rich life, with a kaleidoscope of ups and downs, across three continents: India, Africa, and North America. Her journey ended on Aug. 3 when she passed away at Duke Inpatient Hospice at Duke Raleigh Hospital, with her beloved daughter, Meeta Jaiswal, by her side.

While her life's focus was her children, Vijay loved to garden and was happiest working in her yard or strolling through gardens and farmers' markets. Her master's degree in Hindi literature enlightened the words of Kabir, her favorite poet and philosopher. She incorporated his teachings, as well as a natural ayurvedic healing, into her daily lifestyle.

Vijay's resilience through the tragic loss of her beloved son, Sanjay, was strengthened when she came to live with Meeta, where she resided for the last 24 years of her life. Vertebrobasilar insufficiency greatly impacted Vijay as constant dizziness increased each year until she became bed bound for the last five years of her life.

Meeta, a dedicated caregiver, was challenged as each daily activity became more difficult for her mom. Ultimately, Vijay's Duke Palliative Care physician encouraged her to transition to hospice care due to her rapidly failing health. "As her sole caregiver, who was stressed and overwhelmed, I found the advocacy and support that Duke Hospice Care provided to be a lifeline," said Meeta.

In the month she received Duke's hospice care at home, Vijay had biweekly visits from her team of nurses. "They provided their unique, professional healing hands and advice as they evaluated her frail body to provide the best comfort care," said Meeta. "The hospice physicians were always available. Her nurse's aides were gentle and kind as they helped her through bath time twice a week while her social worker provided support and comfort."

On the 27th day on home care hospice, Vijay had a fall which required her to be admitted to the emergency room at Duke Raleigh Hospital. "At one point, when it seemed that my mom could not survive, I felt the presence of the hospice care nurses, who held me tight and stayed with me until my mom's blood pressure climbed back to near normal." After this, Vijay was transferred to the hospital's Duke hospice care unit.

"During the last three days of my mom's life, her Duke hospice physicians made sure she was pain free," said Meeta. "With the hospice team, I felt like I was always in the company of strength and support throughout the most stressful period of my life."

The support continued beyond Vijay's passing as Duke Bereavement Services provided counseling to Meeta, offering her support and a sounding board for her pain and loss.

"Once Duke Hospice took the hands of me and my mom, they did not let go," said Meeta. "Duke Hospice has been a heaven-sent blessing into our lives, with each and every member of the team touching us at our most vulnerable time. I could not have navigated my mother's last 31 days without Duke Hospice. God bless each and every one of them."

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Duke HomeCare & Hospice By The Numbers

728
Total Team Members

265 Volunteers
463 Total Active Employees

36
Pharmacists and Techs

24/7

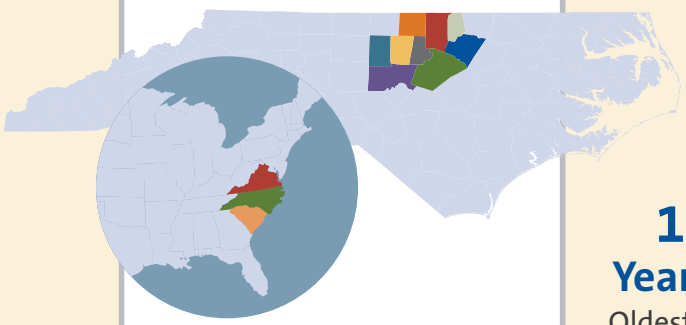
Dedicated Time
24 Hours
7 Days a Week

6,053,244
Ounces of Medicines Compounded

(If you think of that in 8-ounce servings, that would fill 688,027 glasses.)

Geographic Footprint

3 States (Infusion)
9 Counties
(HomeCare & Hospice)



4,071,284
Miles Driven by Team Members in a Year
(Equates to 136 trips around the Earth.)

147,719
Patients Visited in a Year

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11,471
Patients Served/Year

894 Children
10,577 Adults

106
Years Old
Oldest Patient

32
Days Old
Youngest Patient

3,546
People Supported in Bereavement Programs

2,036
Registrants at 2025 Duke Caregiver Community In-Person Event

1,835
Caregiver Contacts

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