Dear friend,

This year, because of your love, support and compassion, Hospice Savannah is celebrating 40 years of being here when our community needs us most.

In these four decades, you have helped more than 40,000 friends and neighbors live more fully through caregiving, progressive illness, end-of-life, and bereavement. Whether you are a volunteer, donor, employee, patient, family member or community partner, you have touched each and every one of their lives.

Follow along as we review some highlights of our most recent year of service:

During 2018, we had the privilege of caring for 1,077 patients

It was our honor to thank 221 patients who served our country

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You helped give the gift of massage to 167 patients through 509 sessions.

A total of 283 family caregivers were helped in 2018 through our Edel Caregiver Institute. Of those, 56 attended dementia-related workshops, 36 learned hands-on caregiving skills, 76 attended caregiver support groups, and 104 enjoyed deep relaxation yoga classes.

Our Steward Center for Palliative Care doctors and nurse practitioners helped 737 patients at Candler, St. Joseph’s and Landmark hospitals, 152 patients in our clinic, and 59 patients in their home or nursing home.

That’s 948 patients and families who received support and symptom management for serious progressive illnesses such as CHF, COPD, cancer, or renal disease.

Your support enabled 108 patients to receive the gift of music through 655 individualized sessions.

During 2018, Full Circle Grief and Loss counselors continued to expand bereavement support to adults and children impacted by crime and gun violence.

Your generosity enabled 67 children to attend Camp Aloha and provided 902 group counseling sessions and 505 individual counseling sessions.
Because you care, we were able to allocate $806,391.51 to these important uncompensated services during 2018.

And now, it is my privilege and honor to lead this organization into our next 40 years. I regard it as a sacred duty to continue, the work begun so many years ago by such pioneering advocates as Anne Steward, Dr. Martha Faye, Dr. David Tanner, Pat Persse, Sally Mandel and a host of other community volunteers.

I look forward to the journey and to your continued interest and support!

Kathleen Deloach Benton, DrPh, MA
President & CEO

As the only hospice in our area to have earned the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval, our primary goal at Hospice Savannah is to offer excellent clinical care. But equally important is our desire to make our patients’ last months and weeks as rewarding and enjoyable as possible!

Thus, it was our delight to help make homecare patient Mrs. Irene Woods’ wish come true…Irene dearly wanted to take one last stroll on the pier at St. Simon’s and eat at her favorite spot – Sal’s Neighborhood Pizzeria. Her homecare team swung into action by hiring a Kelly bus to take RN, Kirsten, social worker, Melissa and Irene’s daughter, son and grandchild on a fun outing to Glynn County. The highlight of the trip was being serenaded by Sal himself, who generously paid for everyone’s delicious pizza!
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The center leaf in our logo represents our patients. They are surrounded by family members and loved ones, compassionate staff and volunteers, and by the donors who make our care possible.

We thank the more than 2,000 individual donors, foundations, corporations and institutions that supported our work in 2018.