

# We are here because of you.

Spring 2022



From the early days of J.W. “Willie” York and Oktoberfest, a festival held each fall for 20 years at Village District near downtown Raleigh, our family has watched Hospice of Wake County – now Transitions LifeCare – grow into the

special place where families can turn to care for their loved ones. Since its founding in 1979, our family has supported our friend Billy Dunlap’s vision to bring hospice services to the Triangle area and ensure they are available to everyone who needs care, regardless of financial status or ability to pay. We would like to thank John Thoma for his 30 years of service to Hospice of Wake County and Transitions LifeCare and look

forward to Dr. Laura Patel’s leadership as the new CEO.



Through annual fundraisers, capital campaigns, and building the Endowment, each of you has played a major role in getting us to the place we are today. We thank all of you for your help and support over the agency’s 43-year history. We are here because of your support and we hope you will continue on this journey with us as we look to the future.

George S. York

HOSPICE OF WAKE COUNTY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Sincerely,

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ADVISOR,  
TRANSITIONS LIFECARE

*The view above is from the Reid S. Towler Campus of Transitions LifeCare.*

## Legacy of Leadership



Throughout my 30 years of service to Hospice of Wake County and Transitions LifeCare, 20 of which as the CEO, I am amazed by the thousands of individuals we serve each day, the lives we touch in hospice, palliative care, home health, private duty nursing, pediatric care, caregiver support,

grief care, educational programs and social outreach. The impacts of one day of care are deep and wide, reverberating through long held relationships and new relationships formed with our first encounter.

I am grateful for the amazing and dedicated people from all backgrounds, professions, and faiths lifting up Transitions LifeCare and lifting up the community. Employees, volunteers, donors, and community leaders come together to support a common mission with common values – compassion and respect for all, teamwork to achieve broad impact, and commitment to improving care for the most vulnerable.

Throughout our 43-year history, our community circle has grown as knowledge of our care has spread throughout the Triangle. I am so thankful that the circle of support, which began in 1979 with a few individuals, has grown to thousands of supporters committed to sustaining this sacred work.



*Retiring CEO John Thoma, with Billy Dunlap and Smedes York*

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the CEO of Hospice of Wake County and now Transitions LifeCare for the past 20 years! I am very optimistic about the future as Dr. Laura Patel becomes our new CEO in June. Transitions LifeCare is in good hands!

Sincerely,

John Thoma

“Everybody you see in hospice is ready to go above and beyond to make sure our patients and their families are in a comfortable and peaceful environment.”

JOHN THOMA, RETIRING CEO