

McLeod Hospice Newsletter

Caring, Comfort, Compassion... These three words describe the mission of McLeod Hospice -- to provide compassionate care and support for patients with a terminal illness and their families.

Garden Volunteer Inspires Others to Serve

Sara Simons has led a life guided by the motto of her beloved University of Georgia - - to teach, to serve and to inquire into the nature of things. It was her quest to teach and serve and her love of nature that led to her interest in the McLeod Hospice House Sensory Garden.

Sara has been a dedicated supporter of McLeod Hospice since sharing friendships with several of its founders, Anne Boyce and Rose Marie Duffield, more than 30 years ago. Sara and her husband, Walter, came to Florence with what has become Smurfit Stone Container in 1963. They became an integral part of the community while raising their nine children. Sara taught school at St. John's High School in Darlington for many years and is full of stories about her students; one of whom was Dale Locklair, the garden's designer.

After hearing about the need for a Sensory Garden at the Hospice House, Sara not only generously supported the campaign but she also offered to volunteer her time in the garden. She will help keep the garden tidy using her gardening skills and will also greet visitors and bring patients and their families to visit this serene haven.

Sara knows the value of hospice because many of her friends have been cared for by McLeod Hospice. She also knows that gardens are a place of consolation which is why she chooses to give of her time in this special way. In addition, Sara is the inspiration for a newly formed group of McLeod Hospice volunteers who will work specifically in the garden.

If you or someone you know would like more information about becoming a volunteer in the McLeod Hospice House Sensory Garden, please contact Andrea Mazingo at 843-777-2994 or e-mail amazingo@mcleodhealth.org.



Sara is pictured with the Garden's first patient visitor, Carol Rogers of Darlington.

The New McLeod Hospice House Sensory Garden

We encourage our many McLeod Hospice friends and supporters to visit the new garden. What began as a dream is now reality because of the generous support of more than 400 donors. This fully wheelchair accessible garden provides families a serene place to share precious time and memories. We would like for you to experience this peaceful haven, too. The garden is located to the right of the Hospice House at 1203 E. Cheves Street in Florence. You may also view photographs of the garden and the dedication ceremony by clicking on the Butterfly icon at www.McLeodFoundation.org.



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