The Serenity Garden

Opportunities to bring your legacy to life.

A thing of beauty is a joy forever – KEATS
Hospice of Davidson County has been a haven for compassionate care for our patients, their families, our community, staff and volunteers for more than 30 years. Our guiding vision is to enhance quality of life by providing expert physical, emotional and spiritual care for our community. For individuals facing the end of life, and for those who love them, these moments can be some of the most precious and memorable experiences to share. Often these moments become opportunities for tender reflection or a celebration of a life well lived. Others may find spiritual or life-path guidance from these moments. Whatever the circumstance, Hospice is there to advance these opportunities and to encourage positive, meaningful outcomes for everyone under our care.

We believe the next step in our continuum of care is the Serenity Garden. While we are grateful to be surrounded by a bountiful landscape of more than 30 acres, we envision a new purpose for our grounds—one that creates a spiritual and therapeutic sanctuary for our patients, their families and the community at large. This remarkable tract allows us to offer nature’s healing gift to all in Davidson County and the surrounding areas.

The pastoral surroundings of the Serenity Garden will provide a place of comfort and tranquility for patients and families. It will also serve as a place to support the sometimes difficult conversations that take place within families as they find hope through acceptance and reconciliation. It will be a place where one may find solace and a place for caregivers to seek renewal.

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For our dedicated staff, the Serenity Garden will be a place to momentarily step away from the difficult work they undertake every day, allowing them to recharge both mentally and physically, and continue to lovingly serve the needs of others.

Designed to be a year-round, restorative experience, and an enduring symbol of the cycle of life, the Serenity Garden will grow to be a living landmark that will stand as a testament to the unique role Hospice serves in Davidson County. As it grows over time, its existence will reinforce our holistic approach to the care for those at the end of life, their loved ones and our community. It will enable us to expand our current programming in grief counseling, bereavement support and more. The Garden will also be a gift to the community, an open gathering place for groups, families and individuals to enjoy for celebrations, programming and culture. It will serve as a place that will lift spirits, provide healing and impact lives for generations to come.

“Art is the beauty, the perpetual invention of detail, the choice of words, the exquisite care of execution.

– THEOPHILE GAUTIER
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Site Plan

Entire Serenity Garden Naming Opportunity $125,000

1. Large Arbor Room
Waterfall Sculpture

2. West Café Patio Arbor

3. Pair of Café Patio Arbor Entrances

4. Pathway Water Feature/Sculpture

5. Gordon & Nancy Wright Rose Garden (SOLD)

6. Large Arbor Room

7. Garden South Entrance Gateway

8. Large Sculpted Works

9. Small Sculpted Works

10. Garden Pergola Corridor

11. Small Arbor Rooms

12. West Café Patio Water Feature
13. Tribute Benches
14. Petals in Waterfall Sculpture
15. Sculpted Café Planters
16. Legacies of Love
Large Arbor Room
Waterfall Sculpture

$35,000

This is a substantial sculptural work of concrete, steel, stone and glass measuring an impressive 16' wide, 8' high and 2.5' deep, that provides a stunning backdrop for the Large Arbor Room. Water kinetically falls from the top of the broad wall over stone and glass into a reflecting pool. Luscious plants cascade down the wall and connect to other plants situated in the water while goldfish swim in the shallow reflecting pool.
West Café Patio Arbor
$35,000
This more formal arbor spans the existing spacious 16’ x 32’ concrete patio. It adjoins the Café Patio Arbor Entrances (see below) and is covered in wisteria vines that provide shading. At points, it connects to the building and is structurally supported along the outside of the naturally colorized concrete patio. Discreet overhead arbor lights provide an inviting ambiance and illuminate the shimmering water feature (separate item).

Pair of Café Patio Arbor Entrances
$10,000 each (total of 2)
The Café Patio Arbor spans an existing patio and is accessible from the outdoors via two paths. An existing brick walk leads to one patio entrance, and the garden pathway leads to the other. Each 8’ x 10’ Café Patio Arbor Entrance to the patio is defined in a formal and sculptural arch that supports the large Café Patio Arbor.
Pathway Water Feature/Sculpture $15,000

At the Y-juncture of the pathway corridor is a significant sculptural work of concrete, stone, plants and flowing water measuring approximately 3’ x 5’. Constructed low to the ground, a stream of water flows from this feature into the garden. It is set into the plantings and is a treasure awaiting discovery along the walk. It flows into the pool that is part of the Large Waterfall Sculpture (see page 6).

Gordon & Nancy Wright Rose Garden $20,000

Adjacent to the front entrance is the perfect open space for an array of lovely fragrant flowers. The extension of an existing paver walkway leads into the garden. Berms surround a low boxwood border. A bench (separate item) provides seating to enjoy the sunshine or a place to reflect.
Large Arbor Room

This spacious room provides an area for a pair of garden benches (separate item) as well as a reinforced steel arbor enclosure covered with entwining wisteria vines. It accommodates groups of four to six people and offers a gathering space for meditation or fellowship. The nearby Large Waterfall Sculpture provides a pleasing sound of cascading water.

Small Arbor Rooms

The master plan calls for three intimate seating areas designed for meditation or fellowship. Each will include a garden bench (see page 13) positioned under a custom-crafted arbor of reinforced steel and entwining wisteria vines. Viewable from these “rooms” are colorful plantings and custom sculptures.
Custom Commissioned Sculptures

Large Sculpted Works $10,000 to $20,000 each (total of 8)
Small Sculpted Works $5,000 to $10,000 each (total of 6)

Illustrations are representative samples. The sculpture and price will be determined by the subject matter and size you choose.

The plan includes commissioned sculptures of steel and concrete prepared in accordance with a catalog of possibilities, but with the patron’s participation. Each sculpture will be placed in the healing garden at key locations along the pathways. Design complexity and size may impact the gift amount.
Garden Pergola Corridor

$5,000

This feature connects the four arbor rooms and follows the corridor overhead. It embraces the observer as they move down the path to wander, seek a place to sit and meditate, or join in fellowship. In spring it leafs out and blooms in wisteria, in summer it shades, and in the winter it allows the light to filter through the overhead structure entwined with vines. A lighting system softly illuminates the path at night.
Garden South Entrance Gateway
$5,000
This gateway into the garden connects to the Garden Pergola Corridor (see separate item, page 11) and is accessible from the parking area farthest from the Hinkle Hospice House. This formal and sculptural arch mirrors those that anchor the Café Patio Arbor.

West Café Patio Water Feature
$5,000
This feature measure 10’W x 2’D x 8’H and is a focal point of the West Café Patio Arbor. Constructed of concrete and steel and lit from the overhead arbor, the water feature will be positioned along the wall at the north end of the patio.
Tribute Benches  
$2,500 each (total of 6)
Nestled within the garden are benches offering opportunities to rest, meditate or converse with others. Single benches are located within each of the three Small Arbor Rooms, a pair of benches are in the Large Arbor Room and one is placed in the Gordon & Nancy Wright Rose Garden.

Petals in Waterfall Sculpture  
$500 each (total of 20)
These individually crafted petals will vary in size, texture and color. As found in nature, each will vary from approximately 4" to 8" long and 3" to 6" wide. Randomly placed in the Waterfall Sculpture, these may be added over time.

Sculpted Café Planters – $500 each (total of 2)
These sculpted planters will frame the entrance of the Café doors and provide the setting for seasonal plantings.

Legacies of Love – $250 each
On the walls surrounding the West Café Patio Water Feature, Legacies of Love provides opportunities for memorial and honorary gifts to remember and recognize loved ones.
About Our Garden Creators
Talented Local Leadership and Expertise

**Chip Holton**

Chip is the artist-in-residence for Quaintance-Weaver Hotels in Greensboro, NC. Over 800 works of art created by Chip appear throughout the Proximity and O.Henry Hotels. A native of Lexington, he was taught to draw by his mother, a trained artist. He received an undergraduate degree in philosophy at N.C. State University as well as a Masters of Fine Arts degree from UNCG. Following grad school, he studied in Italy with Jim Moon. Chip’s work exhibited in the museums, libraries, hotels, restaurants, and homes includes sketches, landscapes, watercolors, theater set design, private and corporate portraits, bronze sculpture, and murals. In 1989 Chip met Dennis Quaintance. This began Chip’s design consulting and the production of hundreds of works for the Proximity and O.Henry. One aspect of Chip’s creativity is painting for events at the hotels and other venues, such as fund-raisers and entertainment events. Chip’s canvas painting ranges from fine art oils to contemporary acrylics.

**Dan Smith**

Dan is planner, designer, and engineering consultant. A native of Fayetteville, he learned to draw, paint, and build by self-study and formal lessons. His interest in architecture led to a Bachelor of Architecture degree from N.C. State University. His architecture and computer-aided design education led to a design and engineering career with the Rouse Company, the United States Air Force, U.S. corporations, and since 1989 independent consulting with government and large, medium, and small corporations. Dan has been engaged in historic renovations in Massachusetts and more recently with the Lexington Redevelopment Commission. Since moving to Lexington in 2008, Dan has been involved in a number of youth programs, continued his Internet-based consulting, and has been redeveloping his home and yard located in Lexington’s Historic Park Place District. His home was on the Davidson County Master Gardeners’ Tour in May 2014.
Nature always wears the color of the spirit.

– RALPH WALDO EMERSON

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Opportunities to bring your legacy to life.
Join others in sustaining the Serenity Garden. Your designated gift will ensure this living legacy will color seasons far into the future and touch countless lives as it grows.

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