



Richard Murphy Hospice Foundation

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Jodee M. Hoover



Donna Olivia

Dear Friends and Family of the Richard Murphy Hospice Foundation,

As we reflect on the recent celebration, we are filled with gratitude for the success of the 2025 RMHF Gala. It was a remarkable evening, made possible by the dedication and hard work of so many. A heartfelt thank you to Ryan Barker and the incredible staff at Chappapeela Sports Park for their warm hospitality and unwavering support. Together with our talented vendors and gala committee, they transformed the gym into a stunning venue that captured the spirit of the night.

For the past seventeen years, the Richard Murphy Hospice House has had the privilege of serving over 2,150 terminally ill residents and their families, providing care at absolutely no cost. This vital service is sustained by the collective efforts of our community, including our Gala Chairs, the Gala Board, volunteers, sponsors, ticket purchasers, memorial donors, local restaurants, and everyone who contributed items for our silent and live auctions. Your support is what makes this mission possible.

We understand that the loss of a loved one is an incredibly challenging journey. Our goal at the Richard Murphy Hospice House is to alleviate some of that burden by offering comfort, a welcoming home, and peace of mind to our residents and their families. We are committed to providing compassionate care around the clock, ensuring that no family faces financial strain during such a difficult time. We are deeply honored by the trust families place in us, and we strive to honor that trust every day.

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to the many kind-hearted individuals who assist us in our daily operations. A special thank you to our regular volunteers, lawn care teams, professional service providers, the Board of Trustees, and the dedicated staff at the Hospice House. Your contributions—whether through delivering household products, providing meals, or simply offering a helping hand—are invaluable and greatly appreciated by the families we serve.

As we look ahead, we will start preparing for next year's gala. The date will be determined later in the new year and will be held, once again, at Chappapeela Sports Park. We are excited to continue this tradition and raise funds for such a meaningful cause.

Thank you once again for your generous support and for making the 2025 gala a resounding success. We wish you all a wonderful and joyous holiday season filled with love and warmth.

With heartfelt appreciation,

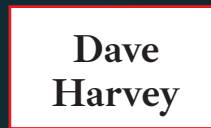
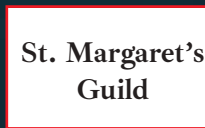
Jodee M. Hoover, *Executive Director*

Donna Olivia, RN, *Hospice House Administrator*





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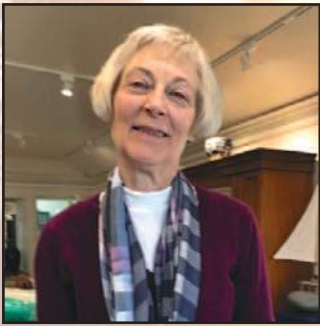
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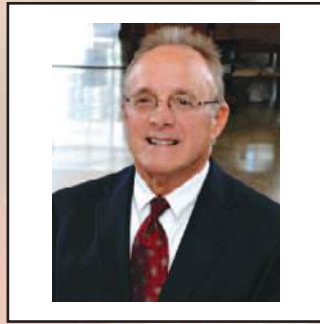
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Merry Christmas
&

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Car Raffle



Winner, Nora Price Wilson, Chose the 2025 Bronco Sport



(L-R) Jodee M. Hoover, Steven Blades (Hood Auto.),
TJ Maggio, Nora Price Wilson, Donna Olivia and Roger Gill



2025 Bronco Sport Big Bend



The Richard Murphy Hospice House extends our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Mr. Bill Hood. Our prayers and love are with his family during this time.

Mr. Bill was a longtime supporter and truly one of the hearts of our House. His generosity, kindness, and commitment to our mission touched countless lives. We

are deeply grateful for all he has done for us, and we will continue to hold his family in our prayers as we honor his incredible legacy.

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**Bill
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Pre-Gala Party





Gala Activities

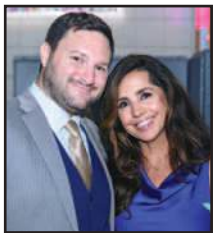


Gala Board



Gala Volunteers







Live Auction

A Special Thanks to Our Silent Auction Donors:

- Douglas Kent Jewelers, Inc.
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- Dr. Kyle Maldonado, DDS MS
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Car Raffle Activities

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Hammond Airshow Volunteers



Because of your kindness and for asking us to be part of something so special, we wanted to send a big thank you to Laurie Johnson, Carolyn James, and Kevin Manuel. Please count us to volunteer for the Hammond Airshow again in 2 more years.

Restaurants, Bakeries, Cafes. and Bars



Ashlyn Landry Arbonne



Bantaa's



Batter a Bakery



Benteaux



Brown's Cake Shop



Cate Street Seafood Station



Cena



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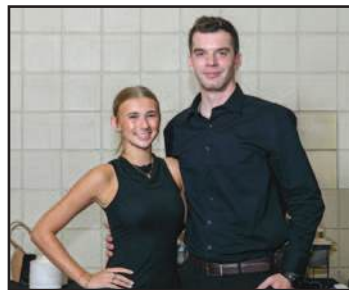
Kayla's Bakery



La Carreta Ponchatoula



NOLA Mia



Our Mom's Restaurant
and Bar



Pull Clip Cafe & Bakery



Ruff N Da Kitchen



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Tacos & Beer



The Depeaux Bar & Grill



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RESCENT BAR
and Package Liquor




Merry Christmas!




Drink of the Night

Sponsored by: Benny's Place



Champagne Sponsor



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We Wish to Express Our Thanks to the
Photographers for the Wonderful
Photos of Our 2025 Gala

Phillip Colwart Photography

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- Yellow Van Farms
- Your Ride, Our Driver



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RESTAURANTS

- Bantaa's Catering
- Batter a Bakery
- Benteaux
- Brown's Cake Shop
- Cate Street Seafood Station
- Cena
- Coop DeVille Hammond & Amite
- Covington Country Club
- Doughlicious Donuts
- Fitz-Lee Specialty Meats
- Hammond High Magnet School Prostart
- Jacmel Inn

- Johnson's Kitchen
- Kayla's Bakery
- La Carreta Ponchatoula
- Murphy's Seafood Restaurant
- NOLA Mia
- Our Mom's Restaurant & Bar
- PJ's Coffee, Donna Miller (Downtown Hammond, North Oaks Health Center, University Avenue and Ponchatoula)
- Pull Clip Cafe & Bakery
- Ruff N Da Kitchen
- Salty Joe's
- Southern's

- Superking Seafood
- Tacos & Beer
- The Boston Restaurant
- The Cakery Bakery
- The Depeaux Bar & Grill
- The Real Deal an American Kitchen
- Tootsie's BBQ & Catering
- TPSS Advanced College and Career Magnet Center Hospitality & Prostart
- Trey Yuen

BARS

- The Crescent: Main Bar
- Benny's Place – Drink of the Night

UPCOMING EVENT

Hammond Smokin' BBQ
March 27 & 28, 2026
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**Southern
Magnolia
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provides lighting
for the house all
year long.



RMHF Christmas Lights



The Richard Murphy Hospice Foundation

Jodee McWilliams Hoover
Executive Director

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Merry
CHRISTMAS
Happy New Year

