



August 2011

Home is an important place for all of us. I've learned this over and over as I've served on the battlefield and in Washington. For our family and friends who are dealing with a terminal illness, home is a place of comfort and peace. That is what hospice care embraces, care and support for terminally ill patients and their loved ones in the comfort of home.

But, when symptoms of an illness become overwhelming or more than a patient's family and friends can manage at home, a hospice house offers the comfortable surroundings of home and the 24 hour care acute terminal symptoms often require.

The Crystal Coast does not have a hospice home to fill this need for many of our family and friends. That is why I am asking you to join me in building the area's first hospice home by investing in the Crystal Coast Hospice House.

The Crystal Coast Hospice House will reflect the style of a coastal mainland home, with warm and welcoming living areas; 10 spacious patient suites; porches, sunrooms and terraces; and a family kitchen and dining room – all thoughtfully designed to surround patients and their families with the comforts of home.

The hospice home will be built on an 11 acre site in the heart of the Crystal Coast with convenient access to the far ends of Carteret County as well as to the neighboring counties of Onslow, Craven, Jones and Pamlico. The site is located just off Highway 70 in Newport NC and contains a wooded Federal Conservation Easement that will enhance privacy and serenity.

As you will learn in the additional information enclosed, much thought has been invested in the details of providing the highest quality care in an outstanding facility, allowing patients and their loved ones to focus on being together at a very important time – one that should not be lost to the stresses of long commutes or exhaustion from caring for a loved one.

Please join me in bringing this highly needed facility to the Crystal Coast.

Thank you,

General (R) Hugh Shelton