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..... MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Since 2013, the Derby Run has raised over \$1 million in support of compassionate hospice and palliative care services provided by Community Hospice & Palliative Care in St. Johns County. Join us on May 3rd as we continue this legacy of care and community.

THE 13TH ANNUAL DERBY RUN EVENT

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JOIN US
MAY 3RD 2025
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We're off to the races once again! The Foundation of Community Hospice & Palliative Care is thrilled to announce the return of a beloved tradition- the 13th Annual Derby Run, taking place at the stunning Tringali Barn in St. Augustine. Set for Derby Day, this unforgettable afternoon brings together the excitement of the Kentucky Derby with the heart of our community, all in support of services provided by Community Hospice & Palliative Care in St. Johns County.

This year, we're turning up the southern charm with exciting new additions that are sure to delight. Guests will enjoy a bourbon tasting experience, perfect for savoring rich flavors and mingling with fellow supporters. And don't forget to dress to impress- our brand-new Derby Boutique will feature one-of-a-kind, handcrafted items up for auction, letting you take home a piece of the magic while giving back.

"The 13th Annual Derby Run is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate while supporting a cause that is truly close to our hearts," said Annie Tuttle, Executive Director of The Foundation of Community Hospice & Palliative Care. "This event plays a vital role in ensuring that our neighbors and loved ones in St. Johns County continue to receive the compassionate care they deserve. The funds raised from this event help us provide end-of-life care to those in need, with dignity, comfort, and support."



Don't miss your chance to be part of this meaningful, memorable day. Dress in your Derby best, grab your friends, and join us for an afternoon of southern hospitality, philanthropy, and fun- all for a worthy cause.

Tickets are on sale now! Visit [Derby Run – Community Hospice Foundation](#) to purchase yours before they're gone!

DORION FAMILY PEDIATRIC CENTER



***THIS CRITICAL ENDEAVOR WILL
CONTINUE OUR COMMITMENT OF
PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE CARE
TO THE PATIENTS AND FAMILIES WE
SERVE***

Love, care, and connection come from the hearts, hands, and minds of people who feel called to help others. The new Dorion Family Pediatric Center is a space both for families whose children are facing life-limiting illness, and for those who are called to journey with them. Here is what this new center, and your gift to the BUILD, CREATE, COMFORT campaign, will mean to

some of our staff who will be serving there. If you want to empower them with your support, please make an online donation at: <https://thefoundationcares.org/campaign-give-form/>



OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION: MAKING AN IMPACT THROUGH 3RD PARTY EVENTS

At The Foundation of Community Hospice & Palliative Care, we are constantly reminded of how generous and compassionate our Northeast Florida community is—and nowhere is that more evident than through third-party events. These are events coordinated not by our staff, but by individuals, businesses, and groups who take it upon themselves to raise funds and awareness for our mission. We are incredibly honored to be the benefactor of their time, energy, and creativity.

In recent months, we've seen a beautiful variety of these community-driven efforts, each unique in scale and style, but all united by one goal: to support compassionate end-of-life care for local patients and families.



On February 28, Foundation supporters participated behind the scenes at the GATE River Run, a massive annual event that brings runners from all over into Jacksonville. In exchange for their volunteer efforts, race organizers made a generous donation to The Foundation—turning community involvement into real impact.

On March 8, local ice cream favorite Bruster's turned their Customer Appreciation Day into a meaningful moment by offering \$1 cones to anyone who came dressed in pajamas. Thanks to their sweet idea and the strong turnout, all proceeds went to support The Foundation.



And most recently, the stylish new J. McLaughlin store in Avondale celebrated its grand opening with a Sip and Shop event, donating 10% of sales from the day to our cause. We're so grateful they chose to make their debut in the community one that gives back.

These events may differ in size and audience, but each one plays a part in helping us fund critical services and compassionate care for those who need it most. Whether it's through ice cream, shopping, or stepping up to volunteer, our community continues to amaze us.

Want to host a third-party fundraiser?

If you or someone you know is interested in hosting a third-party fundraiser to benefit The Foundation, we would love to hear from you! We're here to provide guidance and support to help bring your ideas to life.

Call us at (904) 886-3883 or email Foundation@CommunityHospice.com to get started.

SIPS & CHYPS



On the afternoon of Saturday, April 19th, more than 100 guests came together at Pete's Bar in Neptune Beach for the first annual *Sips & CHYPS*, hosted by Community Hospice Young Professionals (CHYPS). The event brought a fun and lively crowd together for a powerful purpose—raising funds for a wheelchair accessible swing to be installed at the Dorion Family Pediatric Center.

During the event, attendees heard from Catherine Buckingham and Danielle Eaves, who work directly with Community PēdsCare® families. They shared meaningful insights on how this piece of accessible playground equipment will create moments of connection, joy, and inclusion for the children in our care.

We're incredibly proud of our CHYPS for organizing such a successful event and for their continued commitment to rallying their peers around causes that matter. Their passion, energy, and drive to make a difference are what make events like this possible—and impactful.

BOOTS ON THE GREEN



On Sunday, April 6th, supporters gathered at the stunning Yards in Ponte Vedra Beach for an unforgettable afternoon of music, community, and compassion at Boots on the Green, our signature fundraising event benefiting the music therapy program for pediatric patients at Community Hospice & Palliative Care.

Hosted by the dedicated and passionate Healing Harmonies Committee- Pamela Steitz, Jill Arnold, Julie McQuiddy, Myrna Miller, Regi Young, Lisa Kavalieros and Rebecca Witt, -this

special event combined Southern charm with heartfelt purpose. Attendees enjoyed fabulous live music, delicious food and drinks, an exciting silent auction, raffle prizes, and the company of friends and fellow supporters who share a common goal: making a difference in the lives of children living with chronic and life-limiting illnesses.

We are truly grateful for every gift, every guest, and every helping hand that made this event such a success. Thank you for being part of the Boots on the Green story.

Want to relive the memories? Visit music.thefoundationcares.org to view photos from the event!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Derby Run *Tringali Barn*

May 3, 2025

Kelsi Leah Young Fashion Show *San Jose Country Club*

August 23, 2025

Vets, Pets & Music Fest *Green Turtle Tavern, Fernandina Beach*

November 9, 2025

ROARS and More *Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens*

November 16, 2025

C.A.R.S. *Brumos Museum*

January 31, 2026

Walter "Chuck" Foster Sporting Clay Shoot *Jacksonville Clay Target Sports*

February 12, 2026

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