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East End Hospice to Build Inpatient Facility in Westhampton Beach

Westhampton Beach, NY

East End Hospice will unveil plans to build an eight-bed inpatient hospice facility located on Meeting House Lane on the hamlet of Quiogue, NY on Saturday, June 25 at “A Night in Venice,” the annual summer gala. The new free-standing facility will enhance and broaden the scope of East End Hospice’s existing services.

“Long envisioned by our volunteer Board of Directors, the new facility will offer a team-oriented approach that includes hospice professionals and trained volunteers who will provide 24-hour acute care, as well as social, emotional and spiritual support for patients and their families,” says Priscilla Ruffin, President & CEO of East End Hospice.

The inpatient facility will offer a peaceful, homelike atmosphere that provides a different experience than a hospital or nursing home setting. Each of the private rooms will be large enough to accommodate overnight guests and include a bathroom and private walkout terrace that overlooks Aspatuck Creek. There will be a large homelike family room, fireplace, family bathroom with a shower, reflection room for family members, enclosed all season sun porch, and a serene courtyard with ample garden space. Hospice patients will also have access to other amenities, including a spa room with a state-of-the-art ultrasonic bath which has healing benefits and other therapies to improve our patients’ quality of life.

A patient’s environment can be crucial in maintaining comfort and peace of mind during a terminal illness. The goal of East End Hospice has always been to allow patients to remain at home, in familiar surroundings, with dignity and privacy. The facility will enable East End Hospice to care for those patients who are unable to stay at home or require advanced symptom management. There are also instances where family members simply cannot care for the patient at home because of other family or business commitments.

“The East End Hospice Inpatient Facility is not just a building but a symbol of the hospice philosophy. It is a place where people will live their final days in comfort and dignity,” explained Ms. Ruffin. “This facility is a natural extension of our mission. It allows us to diversify the options available to terminally ill patients on the East End and offer a welcoming homelike alternative when they cannot stay in their own homes. At the same time, the facility will also provide temporary care, support and hospitable accommodations to patients who may want to return home.”

The \$10 million project is being funded through individual gifts and pledges. “Thanks to the generosity of several people and their families, East End Hospice has over \$4 million in commitments, leaving approximately \$6 million to be raised through the Building the Dream campaign.” said Ms. Ruffin.

For over 20 years, East End Hospice has provided care and comfort for terminally ill patients, their families, and their loved ones where the patient resides, whether it is their own home, apartment, senior living facility or other place of residence in communities on the East End of Long Island. Last year East End Hospice health care professionals and volunteers offered 548 East End patients pain and symptom control as well as social, emotional, and spiritual support to patients in the comfort of their own homes. For more information on the East End Hospice Inpatient Facility or East End Hospice services, please call 631-288-8400 or email capitalcampaign@eeh.org.

The East End Hospice “A Night in Venice” summer gala will be held at the scenic “Sandacres” estate in the Village of Quogue on Long Island’s East End on June 25, 2011. The benefit’s Master of Ceremonies will be renowned radio host Bonnie Grice. The event also will feature music by The Sean Fleming Band, delectable cuisine of Beth D’Alessio, live and silent auctions and authentic casino gaming. For tickets or more information, please call the East End Hospice Development Office at 631-288-7080.