



Welcome Home
of Chattanooga

Full Circle

FALL 2023

Thank you so much for supporting our mission as we grow! We are very grateful for you believing in the work we are doing and being a part of this wonderful journey.

What a year it has been! We have faced many delays that were out of our control in completing Phase Two of our project at Quiet Creek but I am excited to tell you that we finally opened the third special home, Smokey, this fall. This is our second home for cancer respite, individuals who need shelter in order to get lifesaving cancer treatment. we are committed to building a community of care with multiple homes, calming and native landscaping and comfortable places to be outside. Landscaping started in October and it is beginning to look really nice.

We have been able to care for 116 wonderful individuals through our hospice and cancer respite program. In 2022, we served 15 individuals — 8 in our hospice program



and 7 in our cancer respite program. **In 2023, we have already served 26 individuals with our expansion.**

We are very grateful for our community. Your support of our mission helps us focus on growing. Your support helps us have a strong compassionate team of staff and volunteers providing the best care for our residents. Thank you. **I've recognized that our recurring donors—those who give monthly and quarterly—are the foundation for this growth and our sustainability.** Welcome Home does not receive government or insurance funding, more than half of our funding comes from people like you who believe in our mission. This year, please consider becoming a recurring donor and being a vital part of Welcome Home in our **Circle of Friends** (see page 3).

Schedule a visit to come and see what is going on, I would love to show you around!



Sherry Campbell

Sherry Campbell,
Founding Director

We are all just walking each other home. - Ram Dass



We believe that nature is very healing and in building our community at Quiet Creek it was important to work with a landscaper who would help us create peaceful and beautiful outdoor spaces for all. We also had a big challenge in mitigating stormwater runoff, this required us to take down almost two acres of trees! Local **Landscape Architect Phillip Shippey** helped us by designing a beautiful landscape with native trees, shrubs and grasses.

We are honored to have partnered with **Earthscapes**, a locally owned business that has been creating and maintaining outdoor living spaces. Their beautiful team has been an important part of designing, installing and helping us maintain the beautiful landscape that was created this year. 🏡



Pictured is (left to right) Sherry with Earthscapes team members Krista Stein, Ashley Schenck, Samantha Dent, and Blair Murphy

RESIDENT & STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Amy has said "This place has been our saving grace. If we had not come to live at Welcome Home, we wouldn't know where we would

be. I can't say enough of how much I am grateful to Welcome Home." We have since hired Tim to help us out with general maintenance around the property. We are grateful to be the place that Amy and Tim call home. They help make Welcome Home better!



"Everyone has a place at Welcome Home. We share laughs, tears, stories, jokes, and sometimes we dance, sing, cry and hold each other. It's such a special place! I've asked my oldest child what he likes about Welcome Home, and he said everyone wants him there and is happy to see him. That's home! Since I work at night, I am privileged to be

able to comfort our residents in the lonely hours, helping them feel safe and loved. Beautiful relationships have come out of this. The residents have changed mine and my kids' lives for the better. We love Welcome Home!"
- Jackie Young



Welcome our new Director of Development, Carrie Harlin

Hello Friends of Welcome Home! I'm so excited to have joined Welcome Home family this fall. Having moved back to the Chattanooga area after living in Atlanta for the past 12 years, it is so refreshing to be back in a smaller community that I know looks out for one another.



When I began searching for jobs in the area, Welcome Home caught my eye as, so I began researching and watching videos, I knew this is where I needed to apply.

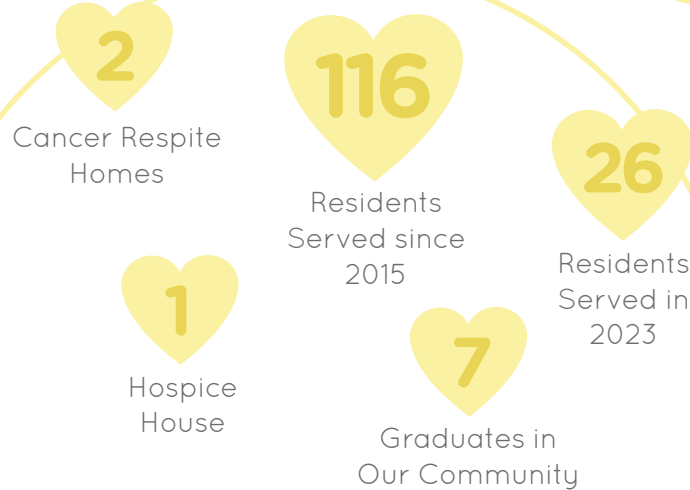
Shortly after applying, I received an email from Sherry inviting me into a conversation about my upcoming move and application to the position. It became clear that this was where I wanted to be. I enjoy taking on new challenges and opportunities and find fulfillment in making a positive impact for others. Although my official title is Director of Development, I prefer to use Director of Friendships. Your friendship means so much to Welcome Home and to me. I look forward to meeting you, please visit if you can!

Outside of work, I enjoy being outside hiking, walking and spending time with my husband Chad, daughter Emily (5th grade) and two Springer Spaniels, Violet and Blue. 🏡

Recurring donors grow and sustain us

"We have been monthly sponsors at Welcome Home for several years. Seeing first hand the love, compassion and safe shelter provided to so many that wouldn't otherwise have it during their sickness or end of life, has been the reason this place holds our hearts. A friend once compared giving to building a large fire. It takes kindling wood to get it started and grows with larger pieces added. What an impactful way to look at it if you think you can't give much, but it does make a difference to build something much bigger. Martin Luther King, Jr's quote sums it up beautifully, ***'If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way'.***"

- David & Kim Rosencrantz



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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

April Wilson got involved with Welcome Home for several reasons. She shares, "I believe wholeheartedly that every person deserves to have a safe place to lay their head. I also believe that every interaction that people experience should be a dignified one." April has a deep affinity for populations of people that are often seen as different. What motivates her to be a board member for Welcome Home is the intentional nature of what it stands for. "This special place came to fruition because someone got tired of what was 'normal' and decided to do something about it. That's the type of organization I wanted to be a part of and those were the type of people I would want to care for me — or those that I loved — in the final stages of life."



Another reason April became a Welcome Home board member is because of cancer. "Cancer is a pervasive illness that damages the very fabric of the human experience," she says. "It takes those we love away from us so much sooner than anyone should experience. As a person who's been impacted by cancer over the course of my entire life, Welcome Home's fixture in the community as the only area cancer respite program sealed the deal for me." April states that Welcome Home is committed to being present with folks during some of the scariest and darkest times in their lives. "This, coupled with the love, authenticity and care that is provided by the workers, staff members, and volunteers of the organization make Welcome Home the perfect fit for me as a member of this community who deeply cares about others." She continues, "Welcome Home is the real deal and I feel honored to be a part of something that is okay with not being 'normal'." 🏠

GET INVOLVED! ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

Financial Support

Your donations make it possible for us to care for our residents when they need it most. Honorary and memorial donations are welcome. Gifts are accepted by mail or online at www.welcomehomeofchattanooga.org/donate.

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and join our

Circle of Friends

today!



Volunteer

Join our amazing volunteer team. We welcome many gifts and skills, whether providing companionship, home and garden maintenance, preparing a meal for our Dinner Club, or providing transportation for a resident through our Go-Go Club. If you are interested in learning more, please e-mail info@welcomehomeofchattanooga.org.



Donate Practical Supplies

There are a number of items that help make our house a home. To learn more about current needs, please email info@welcomehomeofchattanooga.org or check out our wish list online at www.welcomehomeofchattanooga.org/donate.

Make Connections

We partner with local groups, companies, faith communities, neighbors, universities, and health care providers to build relationships and support our mission. If you have a group that you would like to connect us to, please call or e-mail at 423-355-5842 or info@welcomehomeofchattanooga.org. We would love to talk with you.