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For these reasons, I am in support of their efforts to develop two more hospice inpatient beds in the currently approved four inpatient bed expansion project at their six-bed residential facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew L. Davis".

Andrew L. Davis
Chief Executive Officer
Sandhills Regional Medical Center

July 23, 2008
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Laurel Hill, North Carolina 28351

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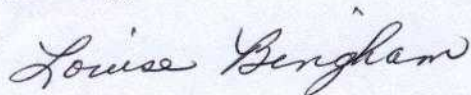
Dear Dr. Pulliam,

I write to you on behalf of Hospice of Scotland County, an organization that has provided excellent care to my family and many other families over the years. I hope you will give strong consideration to Hospice of Scotland County's special needs petition and its desire to add two more inpatient hospice beds in its expansion project.

My husband and our entire family were beneficiaries of the outstanding care Hospice of Scotland County provides at Morrison Manor, its residential facility. The staff is compassionate and caring, putting the needs of patients and families ahead of all other considerations. By adding two inpatient beds at the manor expansion project, Hospice of Scotland County will be able to give other families the kind of caring attention we received, expanding the reach of the good work it does in our community.

Hospice of Scotland County was there for our family when we most needed them, and nothing would please me more than to see their services available to even more members of our community. These beds will allow Hospice of Scotland County make a positive difference for even more families during a most difficult time. I urge you to support Hospice of Scotland County in its efforts to add two additional inpatient hospice beds at its manor expansion project.

Sincerely,



Louise Bingham

July 23, 2008
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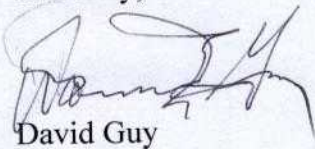
Dear Dr. Pulliam,

I am pleased to write to you in support of Hospice of Scotland County and its effort to place two additional beds in its inpatient facility expansion. This organization has provided an unmatched level of care for the people of Laurinburg, Scotland County and the surrounding area for more than 20 years.

My wife received outstanding care at Hospice of Scotland County's residential facility, called Morrison Manor. Our family saw firsthand the dedication and compassion the staff provides, giving us the support we needed during my wife's final illness. It is my hope that by adding two more beds at the Morrison Manor expansion, Hospice of Scotland County will be able to deliver this same high level of care to even more people in the future.

I hope you will give full and careful consideration to Hospice of Scotland County's special needs petition to begin the process of adding two more inpatient beds. Your support of their efforts will ensure that Hospice of Scotland County can provide its invaluable services to more patients and their families.

Sincerely,



David Guy

Thomas W. Parker III

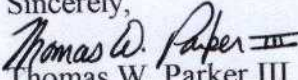
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Dear Dr. Pulliam,

I am writing to express my support of Hospice. Hospice of Scotland County provides a valuable and compassionate service to our area. My wife spent 27 days in the Hospice facility. During this time they provided unbelievable care to her as well as helping our family cope with and understand our loss. We hold our Hospice experience close to our heart and are very thankful for the service they provide. I hope you will consider their application for additional beds as their service is invaluable to our area.

Sincerely,


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For these reasons, I am in support of Hospice of Scotland County's effort to develop two additional inpatient beds in the currently approved four inpatient bed expansion project at its residential facility.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bradley H. Bethel, Medical Director
Hospice of Scotland County



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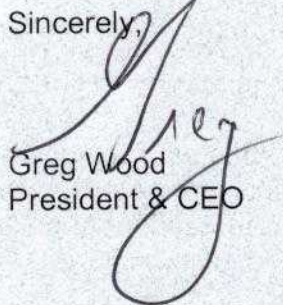
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Hospice of Scotland County has the reputation of providing exceptional end-of-life care to its home care and residential patients and their families. We have had an excellent working relationship with Hospice since their inception over two decades ago. Extending that quality of care to hospice inpatients will not only improve the quality of life for these very ill patients but will also reduce the burden on their caregivers.

For these reasons, I am in support of their efforts to develop two more hospice inpatient beds in the currently approved four inpatient bed expansion project at their six-bed residential facility.

Please contact me at 910-291-7501 or Greg.Wood@scotlandhealth.org should you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,


Greg Wood
President & CEO

AN AFFILIATE OF SCOTLAND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

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