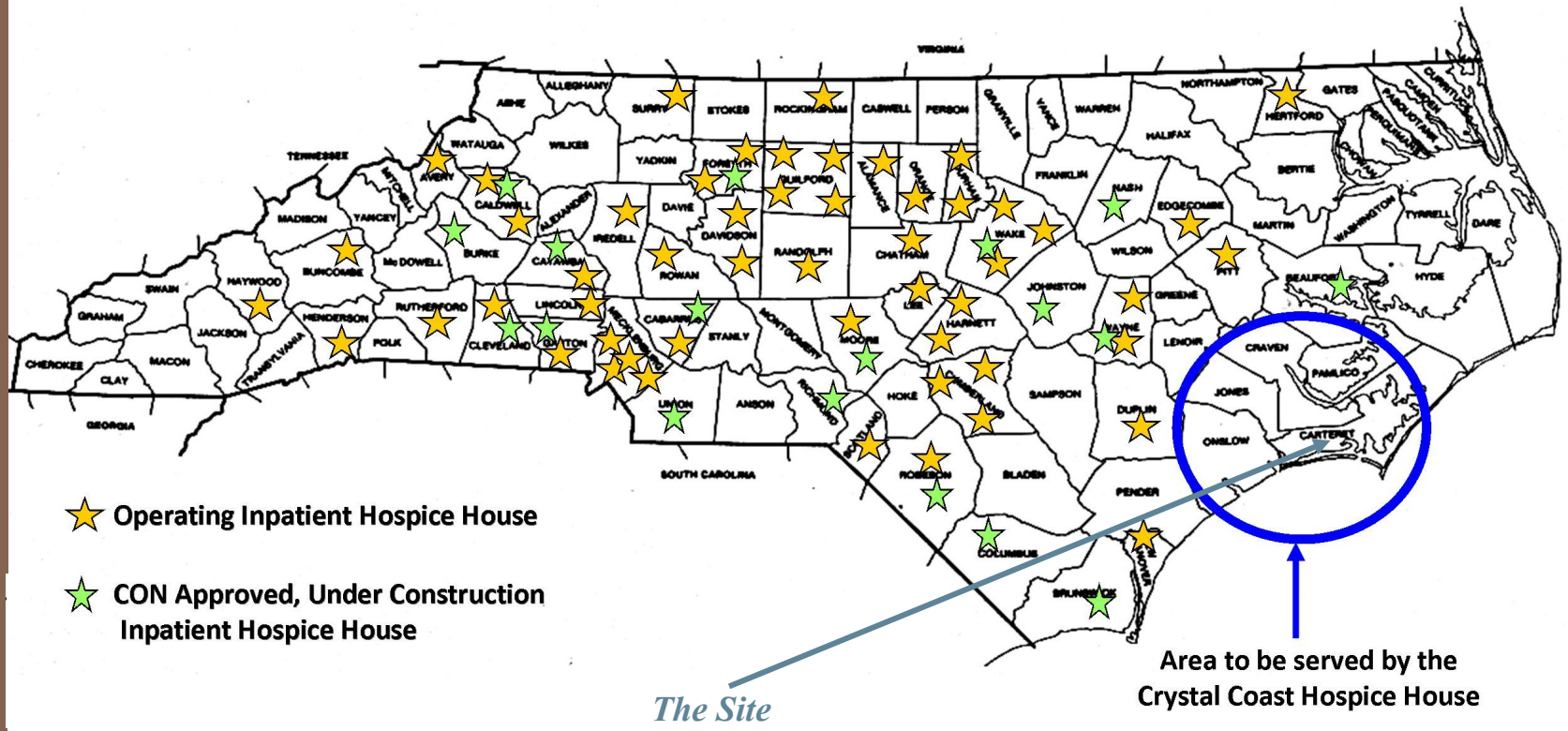
To Cherish Life's Every Moment

Opening a Hospice Home for the Crystal Coast

Crystal Coast HOSPICE HOUSE

Hospice Houses in North Carolina
An Established Standard of Care



Our goal was to locate a site in Carteret County that was central to all of the area's residents, including Onslow, Craven, Jones, and Pamlico Counties.

Thanks to the Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament and the generosity of the property sellers, Crystal Coast Hospice House has secured a beautiful tract of land in central Carteret County on which to build the new hospice home. Centrally located just off Highway 70, a few miles from Morehead City's main retail hub, the site is easily accessible to patients and family members in our five county area, from Jacksonville and Swansboro, Havelock and New Bern, Beaufort, Harkers Island, and even the New River Ferry terminal serving Pamlico County.

Hospice Homes: A Standard of Care

Inpatient hospice facilities have become an integral part of healthcare available to terminally ill patients throughout North Carolina. In NC alone, there are 52 operating hospice homes providing 496 beds, with an additional 10 homes and 129 beds under construction.

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One of the greatest assets of our community is that we truly care about each other. When we are missing something, everyone pulls together to fill the void. That's why the ***Crystal Coast Hospice House*** is seeking your investment to build the area's first hospice home for our friends, families and loved ones who share this beautiful community. Designed to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of terminally ill patients and their loved ones, the 11,000 square foot, ten-suite hospice home will provide 24-hour care for patients and comprehensive support for loved ones in a comfortable home-like setting.

A Critical Need on the Crystal Coast

While the ***Crystal Coast Hospice House*** will serve patients of all ages, most will be senior citizens. Over 80% of hospice patients are 65 years or older. As the baby boomer generation grows older and seniors retire to our area, residents who are 65 and older become the fastest growing segment of our population. The number of local residents in this age group swells by a projected 22% in the next five years.

By 2015, one in four residents of our region will be over 65.

With the closest hospice home over 100 miles away, patients referred to in-patient care do not have convenient access to a dedicated place to continue hospice care through their final days. Families and friends must travel long distances, often hours , just to share precious time with their loved ones in a hospice centered environment.



Sarah Strange, with her husband Curtis, at their home in Morehead City.

"What is already a stressful time becomes much more difficult for everyone involved when hospice patients must leave not only their home, but their community when referred to inpatient care."

Sarah Strange, President
Crystal Coast Hospice House, Inc.

Partnering with Hospitals and Physicians

In cooperation with in-home hospice providers, area hospitals and local physicians, the **Crystal Coast Hospice House** will ensure a seamless continuum of care for patients. The staff at Crystal Coast Hospice House will meet the highest professional and medical standards of inpatient hospice care.

Designed in the style of a warm and welcoming coastal mainland home, the Crystal Coast Hospice House will surround patients and their loved ones with the comforts of home when their care can no longer be managed at home.

Most hospice patients remain at home with the assistance of hospice staff. However, over a third will ultimately be referred to inpatient care. When a patient's circumstances or symptoms require their physician to make that referral, the ***Crystal Coast Hospice House*** will provide specially trained medical staff, social workers, spiritual advisors and volunteers to help deal with the physical and emotional challenges associated with the final stages of their illnesses.

Four in ten hospice patients will be referred to inpatient care.

The Crystal Coast Hospice House will serve residents in Carteret County as well the four surrounding counties of Onslow, Jones, Craven, and Pamlico. Combined, there are over 350,000 residents in this service area without access to a dedicated hospice home that offers family centered, comprehensive hospice care in an inpatient setting designed to be as close to "home" as possible.

How can I help open the doors to the Crystal Coast Hospice House?

To request more information about how to help by scheduling a speaker, donating, or volunteering, please contact:

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