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Community Hospice And body & Soul – the art of healing align to serve hospice patients

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Community Hospice of Northeast Florida and Body & Soul – The Art of Healing have formed a partnership to provide music to hospice patients at the Earl B. Hadlow Center for Caring in Mandarin and the George and Margaret Morris Center for Caring on the Northside. Beginning in May and continuing through the fall, musicians will travel to Community Hospice's two inpatient facilities once a week to perform private recitals for patients at their bedsides.

This program enriches Community Hospice's existing complementary care program, in which patients are offered a variety of alternative therapies to help promote relaxation. "We are thrilled to offer our patients another means of relaxation and the opportunity to enjoy beautiful music played by some of Jacksonville's most accomplished musicians," said Gail Greenfield, R.N., B.S.N., H.N.C., Community Hospice complementary care program coordinator.

Body & Soul – The Art of Healing is an innovative program started by the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra's principal tubist, James Jenkins. After years of visiting his father in hospitals and playing his tuba, he realized his music had a positive effect on his father and also brought joy to the healthcare staff. Jenkins was inspired to create a program that would combine his passion for music and the arts, implementing the healing effects of music to feed the spirits of patients and healthcare workers in assisted living facilities, hospitals and hospice programs.

Jenkins also hoped to increase awareness and grow the arts community. "It gives us great pleasure to establish this relationship with Community Hospice. My hope is for our musicians to bring joy and peace to the patients," said Jenkins.

Established in 1979, as the first hospice program in the area, Community Hospice of Northeast Florida has served more than 30,000 children and adults at home, in long-term care facilities, hospitals and at The Earl B. Hadlow Center for Caring in Mandarin and The George and Margaret Morris Center for Caring on the Northside. The nonprofit organization currently has more than 550 employees providing compassionate, dignified care to more than 800 patients in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties in Florida.

Celebrating 25 years of compassionate care

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