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The Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care receives \$1,063,800 grant from The Duke Endowment

Cary, NC - November 17, 2016 - The Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life has received a \$1,063,800 grant from The Duke Endowment to fund an innovative online platform for individuals to gain better understanding of their health, while developing advance care plans to address life's uncertainties.

The Carolinas Center (TCC) is a nonprofit association serving an extensive network of hospices and palliative care organizations across North and South Carolina. TCC provides visionary leadership, education, technical assistance, advocacy, and resources to ensure that all people with advanced illness will have access to high quality palliative, hospice and end of life care.

The Endowment grant will be used to create an online platform designed to offer a unique space for people to "own their own health." This will not only assist individuals in better managing their health, but also in anticipating the need to interact with loved ones and health team about advance care planning. The platform will enable individuals to use many resources to make informed health choices for themselves, together with those they care about.

As it connects with its wide variety of partner organizations, TCC's platform will provide tools for advance care planning, enabling users to choose how they wish care to be provided in various situations. This process will allow people to make their preferences known when, where and how they desire. A key goal of the online platform is to enable individuals to quickly and effectively provide important information to those who need it wherever they find themselves – whether at home or at another location.

TCC CEO Carol B. Meyer states, "This award will be most helpful in advancing our collective goal to align the healthcare wishes of North and South Carolinians with the healthcare they deserve. We further believe our many wonderful community and hospital system partners will contribute invaluablely to this exciting project." She adds, "We are very grateful to The Duke Endowment for believing in us to make this vision become a reality."

Based in Charlotte and established in 1924 by industrialist and philanthropist James B. Duke, The Duke Endowment is a private foundation that strengthens communities in North Carolina and South Carolina by nurturing children, promoting health, educating minds and enriching spirits. Since its founding, it has distributed more than \$3 billion in grants. The Endowment shares a name with Duke University and Duke Energy, but all are separate organizations.

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