

Treasure Coast Hospice dedicates Lynch Pavilion

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Walking into the Inpatient Unit on Treasure Coast Hospice's St. Lucie

County campus, visitors happen upon a cornerstone that reads, "Built by a community that cares for one another." Community is the pulse that, since 1982, remains at the

heart of this nonprofit organization.

At a recent gathering in the intimate courtyard garden, what was formerly known as the St. Lucie Inpatient Unit, it was re-named the Lynch Pavilion and dedicated to the memory of Barbara Lynch. Lynch spent her end-of-life journey in the loving care of Treasure Coast Hospice in 1988.

A relative of Lynch stood witness to the superior degree of compassion, support, and comfort extended to Lynch and her family members. The anonymous relative was so impressed, she not only spent her final days in the care of Treasure Coast Hospice, but also bequeathed a highly-significant monetary donation to the organization.

The trustee for the donor said, "The care that Ms. Lynch received when she was here made such a profound impact on her relative that she named Treasure Coast Hospice as a primary recipient of her trust."

Thanks to this substantial donation, the Lynch Pavilion is currently undergoing considerable renovations and improvements. Invited to tour the building, guests observed new café tables in the lobby, live plants, new carpeting, fresh paint, and a coastal theme carried throughout the building.

State-of-the-art beds, a new nurse call system, as well as in-wall oxygen and suction in the facility bring enhanced comfort



Al Roberts, Brad Gould, Richard Lynch and Craig Perry tour the Lynch Pavilion.

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Peter Nied, Darryl Jacobs, Melinda Jacobs and Emily Jacobs.



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and care to patients and families. New flooring and a home-like décor, including throws, pillows, and hand-painted hutches with personal touches are a few of the additional updates to patient rooms. New window treatments, upgraded televisions, remote-controlled ceiling fans, and more are on the horizon.

Transformed by members of the Christ Fellowship Saturday Serve

Team, the Family Room and its serene shades of blue provide a tranquil retreat for family members to gather. The room holds toys, books, DirecTV, and allows for privacy. A series of doves strategically hung on the walls point towards a stained glass window, a lone-remnant of the destructive 2004 hurricanes. At its center sits a dove of peace like a beacon calling home its flock.

"The changes and improvements we now have here are the physical manifestations of the effect that the caregivers here, a long time ago, had on one patient and her family," said the donor's representative.

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