

# 2022 Annual Report

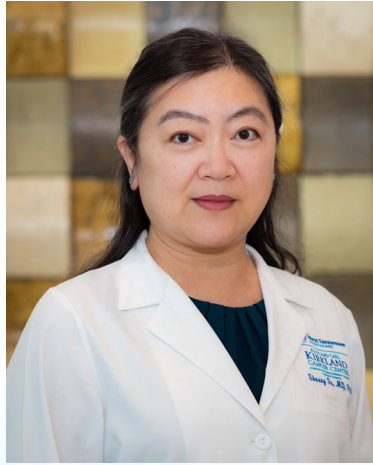
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## A Message from the Medical Director

On behalf of the dedicated team of physicians, nurses, support staff and volunteers at the Alice and Carl Kirkland Cancer Center, we are proud to share our 2022 experience with you.

First, we would like to say thank you to all of our patients. Thank you for your trust in our center and thank you for coming to Kirkland Cancer Center and continuing treatment during the COVID-19 pandemic. To the team members at Kirkland Cancer Center, thank you for your dedicated work to help our patients and serve our community. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic period, our patient volumes continued to grow tremendously each year. We are proud that we helped our patients to survive through COVID without compromise to their cancer treatment.

Cancer treatments have improved dramatically over the last several years, especially with the implement of immunotherapy and targeted therapy. Cancer treatment has become more personalized. Precision medicine has been used in cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Precision medicine looks at the genetics, environment and lifestyle of a person in order to select a treatment that could work best for them. With the efforts of our providers and the patient navigators, we offer genetic testing to our patients at the time of diagnosis and progression in hopes of identifying a more effective treatment that is less toxic.

The doors of the Kirkland Cancer Center opened in 2013. Our primary goal was to develop a cancer center in West Tennessee that provides cutting edge cancer treatment while maintaining personal and accessible service that our patients are accustomed to. In the last decade, Kirkland Cancer Center has become very well-established and well-accepted in West Tennessee. It is a state-of-the art facility and is the family to many cancer patients here in West Tennessee. Kirkland Cancer Center will celebrate the 10-year anniversary next year. We are here for our patients, we are here for our community.

Dr. Shuang Fu  
Cancer Committee Chair

## Robin McKnight Colon Cancer Survivor

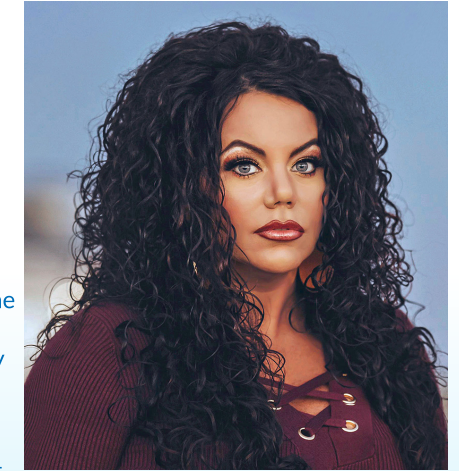
At 39, in the prime of her life, Robin McKnight, wife and mom of three was diagnosed with Stage 3 Colon Cancer- Adenocarcinoma.

Robin McKnight is a mother, fiancé to her lifelong friend, family member, friend and photographer from Crockett Co. TN. At age 39, Robin started noticing some signs and symptoms that lead her to believe that something wasn't quite right with her body. She was light headed and dizzy often and just wasn't feeling great. Her routine bloodwork looked fine and she seemed healthy but she knew something just wasn't right. Robin had her first colonoscopy and they discovered that she had stage 3 Adenocarcinoma.

Robin was referred to see a surgeon first and was referred by her surgeon to Dr. Franz here at Kirkland Cancer Center. Robin says that each of her Drs. have been amazing here at Kirkland Cancer Center but especially Dr. Franz. "I'll never forget.. I was distraught like anyone who hears the words you have cancer would be and Dr. Franz came in with his big smile and said 'we're going to cure you' he did not say if or when it was we are going to and right then and there I was like okay, let's do this, we are going to fight"

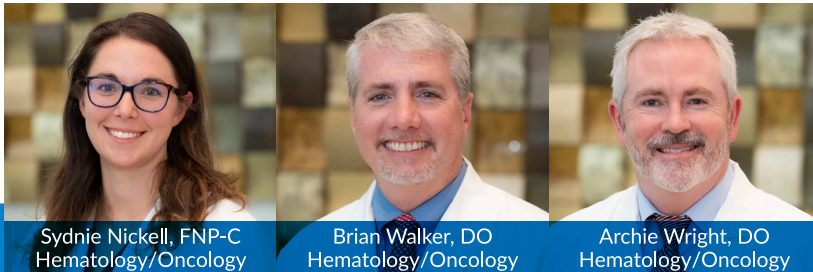
Robin had 28 rounds of radiation and 6 total chemo infusions. She has had one complete surgery and is getting ready to undergo her second. "I am feeling blessed to be here for sure. It's not been easy, I am not going to sit here and sugar coat it. There are days that I deal with fatigue and nausea but I just try to take it one day at a time. If that day I am feeling tired I just try to rest." Robin said. Robin was able to work and keep up with her twins through her cancer journey which is truly inspiring.

"To me it has been very convenient having Kirkland Cancer Center right here close to my hometown. It saved me from having to go to Memphis. I also love how well the Drs. collaborate and work with each other here" said Robin "The message I would give anyone my age or anyone in general is go get screened! It's not that hard, it's not as scary as it sounds and it can save your life. The goal is to catch this early to be treated and cured so I would definitely say don't hesitate. Go get screened!"





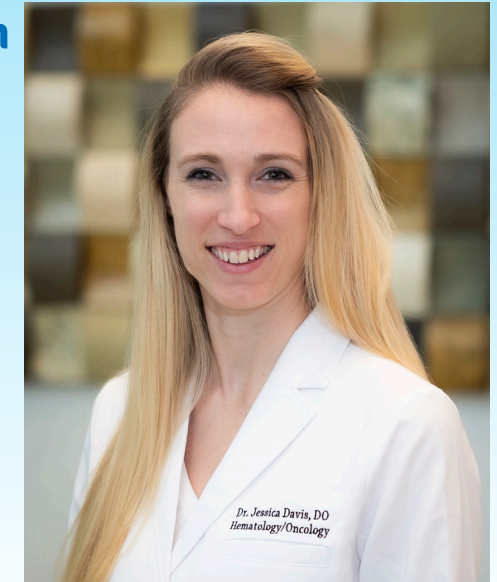
# Meet Our Kirkland Cancer Center Providers



## Newest Addition to Our Team Dr. Jessica Davis

Dr. Jessica Davis joined the Kirkland Cancer Center in September 2022. She attended medical school in Spartanburg, SC followed by internal medicine residency in east Tennessee/southwest Virginia where she enjoyed serving the Appalachian community. She then completed fellowships in palliative care, hematology and oncology from the University of Tennessee in Memphis. Her areas of interest are geriatric oncology and solid tumors, though she enjoys caring for all malignancies and benign hematology conditions as well.

Dr. Davis grew up on a farm in central Illinois and did her medical training with a small community care focus in mind. She loves spending time outdoors and with her husband and son, exploring the West Tennessee area as well as traveling around the Southeast, going to UT football games, and watching the Chicago Bears.



## Atwood Church of Christ

In 2022 a member of the Atwood Church of Christ found herself fighting cancer by receiving chemotherapy and radiation at the Kirkland Cancer Center. During her treatment visits she discovered a need for certain items to comfort patients during their time at the center. The need was brought to the attention of the congregation and the opportunity to help with physical needs as well as offer words of encouragement and share God's word became a mission for the members.

Some of the members purchase and package the physical items needed such as peanut butter and crackers, hard candy etc., while others prepare handmade keychains and bookmarks explaining the plan of salvation. Bibles are also provided for those who request one. The church's mission with the Kirkland Cancer Center is to provide items to make patients more comfortable during their treatments and to provide encouragement from God's word to strengthen (IS. 41:10 and IS.40:31) them.

The members pray for strength and healing for the patients and the ability of the staff at the center to help them on their journey. It is the hope of the congregation for the patients to find peace and comfort while drawing closer to the Lord. (John 16:33 and II Corinthians 1:3-6). It is the church's goal to share the word of God who cares for all his children (1 Peter 5:7).

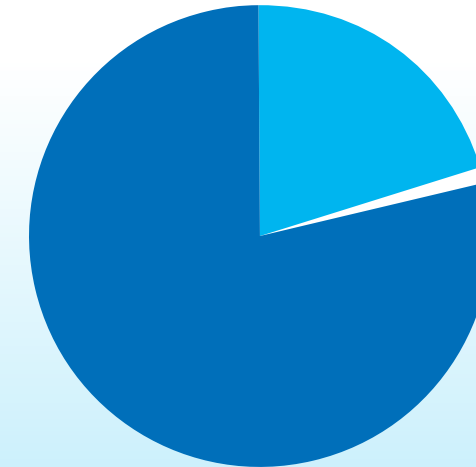


The Atwood Church of Christ like most other congregations, has had other members, family and friends who have been touched by cancer. The church seeks to provide assistance to others during their time of need (Prov. 3:27, Heb. 6:10).

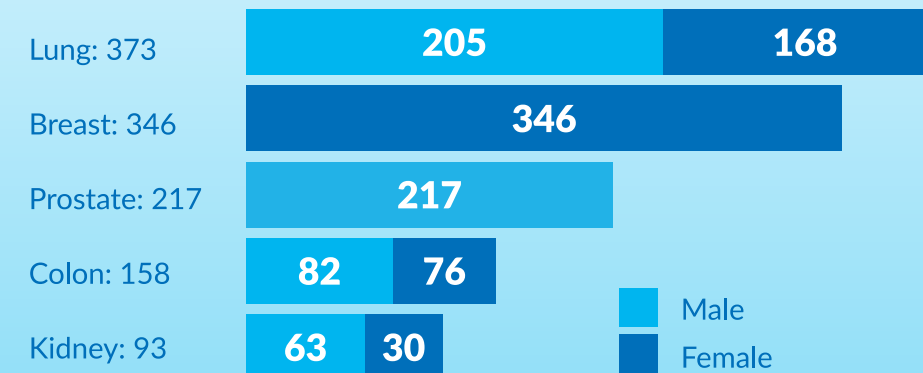
# 2021 Kirkland: 2134 by the numbers

### By Race

- White: 1678
- Black: 436
- Other: 20



### Top 5 occurrences = 1187





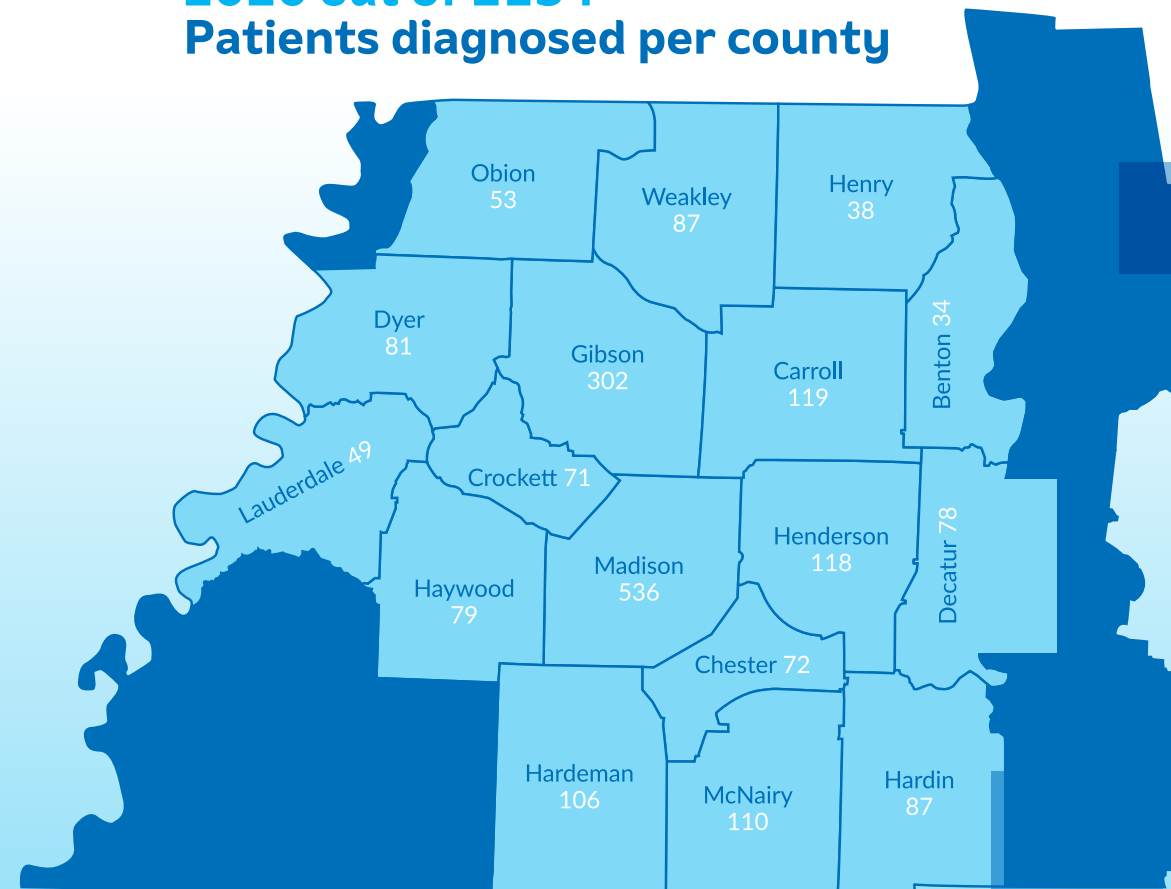
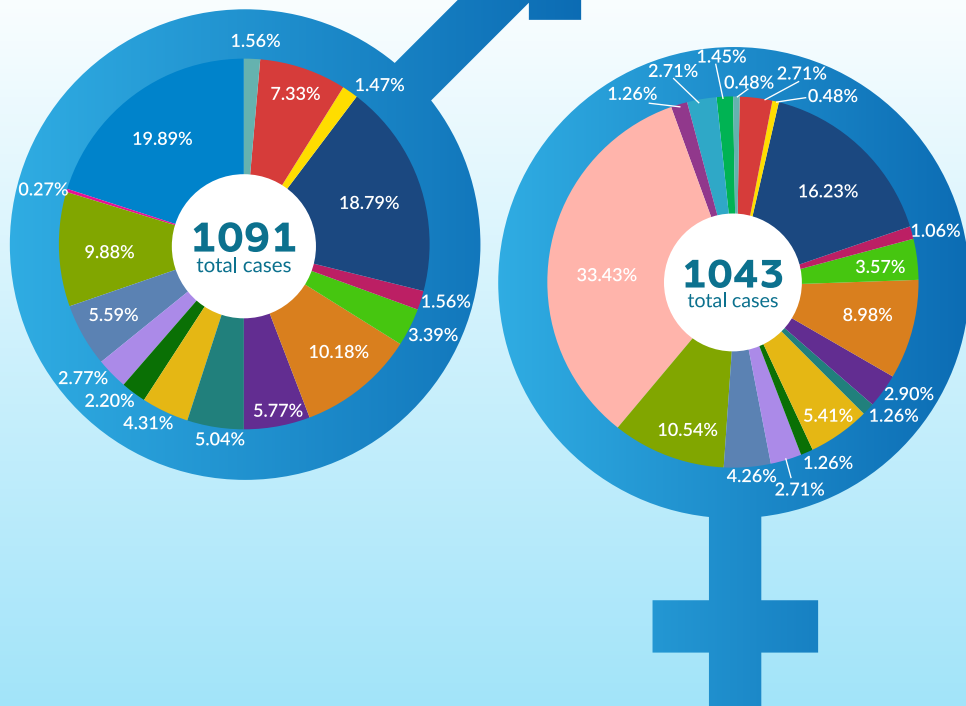
# 2021 Kirkland by the numbers

2020 out of 2134  
Patients diagnosed per county

total number of cancer diagnoses.

### By Sex

- Brain and Nervous System
- Lip, Oral Cavity, Pharynx, Larynx
- Esophagus
- Lung
- Stomach
- Pancreas
- Colon/Rectum
- Kidney
- Urinary/Bladder
- Other Digestive Organs
- Melanoma/Skin
- Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
- Leukemia
- All Other Sites
- Breast-Male
- Prostate
- Breast-Female
- Ovary
- Corpus Uteri
- Cervix



These numbers only reflect patients at the Kirkland Cancer Center

## Tennessee Breast And Cervical Spotlight, Adora Butler

The Tennessee Breast and Cervical Screening Program (TBCSP) Grant was awarded to Jackson Madison Co. General Hospital by the CDC's National Breast and Cervical Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP). This grant is managed by Kirkland Cancer Center with a mission to prevent unnecessary disease, disability and premature death due to cancer of the breast and or cervix. In 2022, 393 patients were enrolled in the program. Out of those 393, 12 were diagnosed with either breast or cervical cancer and were able to obtain emergent TennCare to get treatment started ASAP.

Adora Butler is the Tennessee Breast and Cervical Screening Coordinator for Madison County. Adora received her LPN in 2009 and began working at the Kirkland Cancer Center in September of 2020 after her sister was diagnosed with cancer. "This allowed me to see the positive side of working in oncology. When you or a loved one receives this type of news, your world shatters and you have no idea what to do next. I wanted to be the person that could help navigate these patients through these difficult times. I love helping people. I love being able to take some of the stress away so that they can solely focus on getting better."

In her time here at Kirkland Cancer Center Adora has gone above and beyond to ensure that her patients are well taken care of. Adora was recognized by the TBCSP Program Director for having the highest number of enrollments across the state of TN for 2022. Adora always takes her job a step further to ensure she is doing all that she possibly can for her patients. Adora completed a Health Navigation course to help patients find different resources available to them in our area. She also completed the WTH Bereavement course to better assist patients in their time of need after a diagnosis. "Adora seeks ways to improve the lives of others and honors her sister's memory each and every day. She embodies the definition of a servant leader and we are truly grateful she is a part of the Kirkland Cancer Center family."

- Karen Ellis, Executive Director of  
Alice and Carl Kirkland Cancer Center



## Kirkland Cancer Center Earns National Re-Accreditation from the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons

Kirkland Cancer Center proudly announces that it has earned re-accreditation from the Commission on Cancer (CoC), a quality program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). To achieve CoC accreditation, Kirkland Cancer Center underwent a site visit to confirm the program's compliance with accreditation standards that evaluate the cancer care services offered by the program. The survey was delayed one year due to Covid restrictions. The survey was the first all virtual survey with the new standards revisions.

As a CoC-accredited cancer center, Kirkland Cancer Center applies a multidisciplinary approach and treats cancer as a complex group of diseases that requires consultation among surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists, and other health care professionals that specialize in caring for the cancer patient. Cancer patients benefit from having access to clinical trials, screening and prevention events, palliative care, genetic counseling, rehabilitation, oncology nutrition, and survivorship services.

In January of 2022, Kirkland Cancer Center's hematology-oncology practice received re-certification by the American Society of Clinical Oncologists as a QOPI Certified Practice. The QOPI® Certification Program provides a three-year certification recognizing exemplary commitment to safety and quality in oncology patient care. Kirkland Cancer Center is one of only 5 oncology practices in the state of Tennessee with this certification. Certification requirements include clinical quality data comparison with other oncology practices across the nation plus a vigorous on-site clinical survey every 3 years.

Our practice achieved this certification by meeting QOPI's core standards in all areas of treatment, including:

- Treatment planning
- Staff training and education
- Chemotherapy orders and drug preparation
- Patient consent and education
- Safe chemotherapy administration
- Monitoring and assessment of patient well-being



In addition to being surveyed by the COC and QOPI in 2022 KCC was also included in the Joint Commission Survey of the Hospital where we earned Accreditation for the next three years until the next survey





## West Tennessee Woodturners

The West Tennessee Woodturners, a local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners, began in Jackson, Tennessee in 2009 and has approximately 30-35 members ranging in ages from 15 to 80's. The group is made up of individuals who share the same love for woodturning, an art of shaping wood into various forms by means of a lathe, a process dating back to the 1300's BC.

The project of making wig stands for the Kirkland Cancer Center started in September of 2022 after the Mid-South Woodturners Guild(MSWG) in Memphis began a program of turning wig stands for the West Cancer Center in Memphis, Tennessee. A member from the MSWG presented a demonstration of turning wig stands at one of the monthly meetings of the West Tennessee Woodturners(WTW), and subsequently, the club started donating wig stands for the patients at Kirkland Cancer Center. To date, they have donated 50 stands.

"It is truly a blessing for our club to provide wig stands to cancer patients undergoing treatment that is causing hair loss and hopefully, making it easier to care for the wigs they're wearing, said Mark Bateman, President of the WTW.

We are so thankful for the West Tennessee Woodturners group and all that they are doing to help the patients here at Kirkland Cancer Center. "It's difficult when a lady loses her hair and gets a wig. These wig stands are bright and colorful and have inspirational wording on them which is so uplifting to a woman to see as she uses it daily on her cancer journey" said Kim Tucker, Support Services Manager.

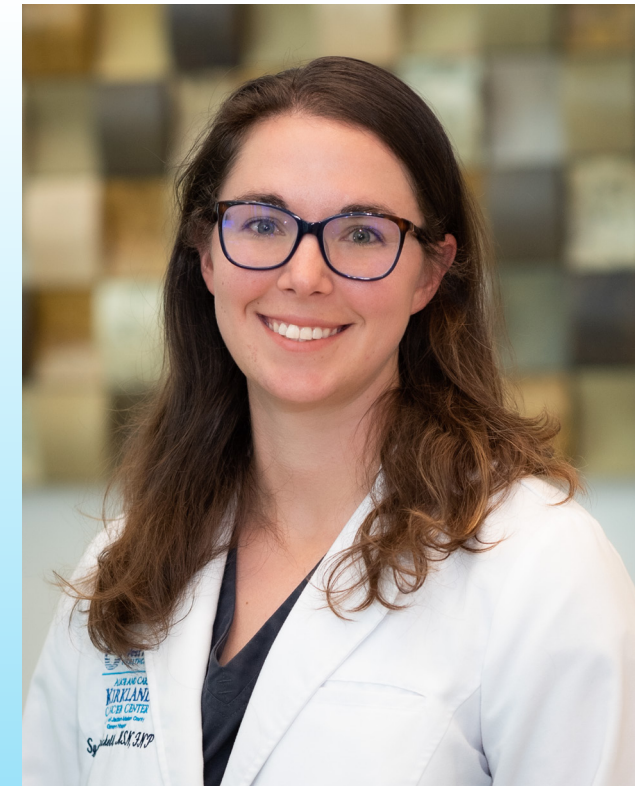
Some other community service projects the WTW are involved with include, Pens for Troops, a national program of turning writing pens and sending to military troops stationed all over the world, and supporting LeBonheur Children's Hospital by donating turned items for sale at the Jackson International Food and Arts Festival.

Mark Bateman, the current President of the West Tennessee chapter, is a retired Ophthalmologist who used to refer patients to the physicians here at KCC. "It really is full circle to have referred patients here during my practice and now be able to help patients treated at this wonderful medical facility through a project such as this".

Thank you West Tennessee Woodturners for all of your kindness and generosity.

## Newest Addition Sydnie Nickell

Sydnie is a Nashville native who joined the Kirkland Cancer Center in 2014 as a registered nurse and has had a passion for Hematology/Oncology ever since. She graduated from Belmont University with a Masters of Science in Nursing in 2021. She is a member of American Academy of Nurse Practitioners as well as the Oncology Nursing Society. She lives in the Jackson area with her husband, Jacob, and their children. They are active members of their church, Northside in Jackson. Outside of work, she enjoys watching her children's sports activities, horseback riding, hiking, kayaking, and traveling with her family.







## The Hospice Home is Making Room For Love

Making Room For Love is a call for our community to join us in supporting advanced health care for our region. Through this philanthropic initiative, West TN healthcare is seeking to better serve our hospice patients throughout West TN with a Hospice Home.

**Our Goal:** To establish our regions first residential hospice facility that looks and feels like home and serves all of West TN with highly individual care that respects the sanctity, dignity and spiritual welfare of each person.

**Our Plan:** The Hospice Home will enhance the end of life services for Jackson and West TN, providing the best clinical care for those unable to stay home. The Hospice Home is designed with families in mind to share stories, laugh, cry and celebrate a life well-lived. We will have a loving team of specialized doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains and trained volunteers. Together, they will ensure the best quality of life possible with the understanding that every patient, and every family faces the end of life differently.

**Our Need:** To build a \$10 million dollar, 20,000 square foot space with functionality of a West TN Healthcare facility while maintaining a sense of home. We plan to offer 20 private, furnished suites full of homey comforts, and playground areas to take your loved ones outside. Open and airy with the feel of home, the space will offer plenty of room for extended family to gather and for compassionate caregivers to help patients find peace, purpose and dignity.

To date, we have raised over \$3.5 million towards the Hospice Home. With your generous support, we can fill this critical need by creating a very special non-profit hospice home for Jackson and our West TN community full of mercy, comfort and love.



Donna Stines  
Philanthropy Council  
Director

*"I am very passionate and understand the need we have in our community for a Hospice Home. It has been such a blessing hearing stories and talking to others who have used Hospice Homes or could have used one for their love one. Everyone deserves to have a place of comfort for their end of life care and spending quality time with the ones they love."*

-Donna Stines