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NMMC HOSPICE PREPARING CARE BASKETS

TUPELO, Miss.—North Mississippi Medical Center Hospice program is currently accepting donations of items and funds to prepare care baskets for hospice patients and bereaved families throughout 14 counties in north Mississippi.

Hospice patients are those with a life-limiting illness whose life expectancy is measured in weeks or months, not years. Each December, the Hospice staff and volunteers compile and deliver 100-125 care baskets. Items requested include:

- Snack food items such as raisins, nuts, cookies, snack crackers and microwave popcorn
- Bottled water, hot chocolate and tea mix
- Regular and sugar-free candy
- Personal care items such as shampoo, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste and individual packs of tissue
- Inspirational books, bookmarks, devotion books, music CDs
- Notepads, pens and pencils
- Handmade items (especially from children)
- Christmas ornaments or decorations
- Pill dispenser boxes
- Coffee mugs

The Hospice staff can also use monetary donations to purchase specific items for individual patients, as well as containers and packaging for the baskets.

Items may be delivered through Friday, Dec. 10, to the NMMC Hospice office located in President Plaza at 422A President St., Tupelo. For more information, call Chris Maynard or Jerry Grammer at (662) 377-3612 or 1-800-THE DESK (1-800-843-3375).