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### **Maple Knoll Village Will Now Offer End of Life Hospice Care**

Maple Knoll Communities has had a tradition of caring for older adults for over 165 years. On the campus of Maple Knoll Village they offer independent Living, Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Accommodations. In addition, Maple Knoll Communities includes The Knolls of Oxford, Sycamore Senior Center, three affordable HUD Residences, Maple Knoll Home Health Services, WMKV 89.3 FM Radio Station, a Montessori Child Center, and the Hemsworth Wellness Center. The one thing that Maple Knoll was missing was a Hospice Care Center. With the help of two incredibly generous donors Maple Knoll Village will now be able to offer hospice care to their residents and to individuals in the community.

Maple Knoll residents John Hughes and Richard Neubauer, M.D. saw the need for this type of service and stepped forward. A generous donation from both of them has allowed Maple Knoll to create a Hospice Wing in the existing skilled nursing facility. The Richard Neubauer, M.D. and John Hughes Hospice Center will consist of ten deluxe private rooms and a family lounge area. The Hospice Center will be overseen by UC Physicians and will provide care, support, and nurturing for patients living with a life-limiting disease. When a cure is no longer possible and the patient has decided to stop aggressive treatment, Maple Knoll will step in to provide for the needs of the patient and family.

Many residents had to leave Maple Knoll Village in order to receive hospice care. These individuals then had to become acquainted with a new facility and new staff members at the end of their lives which is already a difficult time. Moving to a different facility was also hard on their families and friends. For friends and spouses who do not drive it is difficult coordinating transportation to see their loved ones. If they are receiving care on campus then Maple Knoll can provide transportation to and from their home.

Jerry Pietch, a Maple Knoll Village resident, is thankful for this new addition. "Maple Knoll is our home." he says. Being taken care of at home provides a degree of comfort that is unparalleled.

This new addition will bring a whole new aspect to the idea of continuum of care. Thank you to the generous donors who made this possible!

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