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## **Hospice of Chattanooga Candlelight Memorial Service**

*Families, Staff, and Community Will Gather to Remember*

**CHATTANOOGA, TN, January 8, 2010---** Hospice of Chattanooga is inviting the community to attend a very special and important memorial service, Sunday, January 10, 2010. The service will celebrate the lives of almost a thousand Hospice of Chattanooga patients who died between June 1, 2009, and November 30, 2009.

"This memorial service is for more than just grieving family and friends," explained Susan Latta, a bereavement counselor with Hospice of Chattanooga. "It gives our own employees an opportunity to properly say goodbye to the patients they loved and served. It's important for us to come together as a community and process this grief we mutually share."

Hospice of Chattanooga's new C.E.O., Rev. L. Clark Taylor, Jr., will deliver the welcome address at Sunday's memorial service. The program will include a lighting of candles, music, and a reading of each deceased patient's name. Once the service concludes, those in attendance will have an opportunity to visit with Hospice of Chattanooga staff at a brief reception.

Hospice of Chattanooga was founded in 1981. It is the largest not-for-profit hospice in Tennessee, serving more than 550 patients each day. Each year, Hospice of Chattanooga provides more than half a million dollars in unfunded care to families in both Tennessee and North Georgia. For more information about Hospice of Chattanooga, visit [www.hospiceofchattanooga.org](http://www.hospiceofchattanooga.org).

**WHAT: Candlelight Memorial Service**

**WHEN: Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**2 p.m.**

**WHERE: [First Baptist Church of Chattanooga](#)**

**401 Gateway Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37402**