

## Hospice of Scotland County Achieves Green Business Certification!

Sustainable Sandhills is thrilled to announce the Green Business Certification of [Hospice of Scotland County](#). Hospice is the second business in Scotland County to become certified in our Green Business Program. Hospice is the first medical facility in Scotland County to achieve certification.



Founded in 1986, [Hospice of Scotland County](#) provides excellent end-of-life care for patients and families who are facing a life-limiting illness. Care is provided by a highly trained team of professionals and volunteers, including the hospice medical director, nurses, social workers, bereavement counseling and spiritual support. A not-for-profit agency, Hospice of Scotland County is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care. The

agency's service area includes seven counties in North Carolina and South Carolina. In addition to caring for patients in their homes, Hospice of Scotland County also provides care in hospitals, long-term care facilities, and at Morrison Manor, a 12-bed Hospice facility in Laurinburg.

“We are very excited about our local Hospice being certified green. It is refreshing to see organizations other than large retailers and small business offices turning to green practices,” stated Theresa Lamson, President of the Laurinburg/Scotland Chamber of Commerce. “I would encourage more of our members to consider green as a business standard for their sustainable future.”

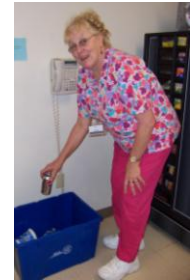


“As a service excellence workplace, one of our goals was to provide a ‘green’ working environment for our employees. Through this process with Sustainable Sandhills, we’ve been able to do that, and we’ve also learned a lot about our operations,” says Aimee Johnson, Assistant Chief Financial Advisor for Hospice, who chaired the in-house Green Certification committee. “For instance, we learned there were things we were already doing as a normal course of business that were environmentally conscious, like using T8 fluorescents, our use of recycled-content products and



environmentally friendly cleaning products. It's also made us aware of areas we've already been able to change, like doing more to recycle and reduce waste, eliminating duplicate mailings and stopping the receipt of junk mailings."

"We still have some challenges—we want to eliminate the styrofoam we use—but altogether, earning our "green" certification has been a positive experience for Hospice of Scotland County." Hospice has stopped purchasing styrofoam products and are choosing to buy products that can be recycled and that have much less of an environmental impact on our planet.



According to Miller Slaughter, Sustainable Sandhills' Scotland County Green Business Program Intern, "working with Hospice was a great learning experience for me. They went above and beyond, incorporating as many measures as possible, and truly became a sustainable business. The whole staff cares about being green - they were thoughtful about the process and really get the big picture."



Hospice also plans to plant a garden in the future and would like to share what they grow to their patients!

Green businesses reduce waste, promote recycling, become energy and water efficient, purchase eco-friendly products, and educate their employees and customers about the multiple benefits of a sustainable community. For more information about how your business can become a [Sustainable Sandhills Certified Green Business](#) today, please contact your Green Business Coordinator:

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