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## Eagle Scout dedicates service project to Joan & Howard Woltz Hospice Home

(Dobson, NC) – This spring, Mountain Valley was the recipient of a very special gift from a dedicated Eagle Scout with a heart for hospice service.

While completing requirements to be recognized as an Eagle Scout, Nathan Dowell, son of Mountain Valley CFO Barry Dowell, chose to benefit the Woltz Hospice Home with a service project. Through his work on the project, Dowell planned and constructed new display stands for the honorary bricks and blocks that formerly lined the pathways of the hospice home's courtyard. Fellow scouts from Troop 556 and Nathan's family helped achieve his goal. He said, "[The bricks were] sinking down and there was mud all over them, so I cleaned all the bricks off and put them on a stand, added more stands so that people can donate more bricks at the home and the hospice home can continue to support their patients."

Dowell has since completed all requirements for the Eagle Scout rank, including earning a minimum of 21 merit badges, demonstrating leadership, and completing an Eagle Scout service project. Since it was first awarded in 1912, more than 2 million young men have achieved the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank. Upon hearing of this remarkable achievement, Surry County commissioners invited Nathan to a meeting of the Surry County Board of Commissioners on May 20 where he was recognized with a certificate of proclamation from the county.

Mountain Valley is grateful for Nathan's service to improve the display of the honorary bricks and granite pavers in our courtyard, and commends him for his dedication and achievement.

If you're interested in placing a brick or block on the display honoring a loved one, visit mtnvalleyhospice.org/memorial-bricks-and-pavers/ to see options for ordering.

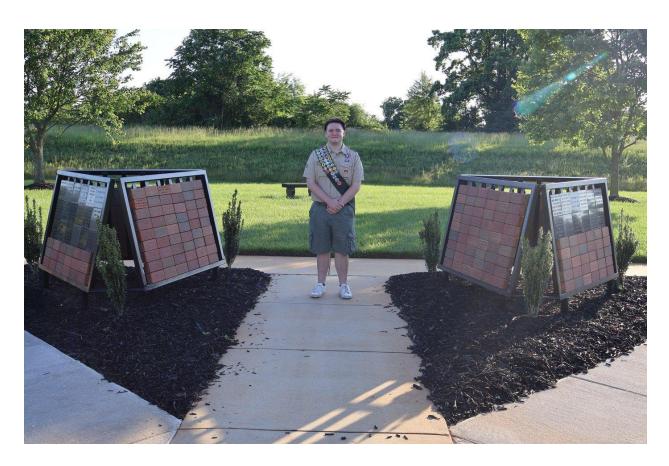














Mountain Valley is a nonprofit organization providing high quality end-of-life care in 18 counties in North Carolina and Virginia. Through its team of hospice professionals and specially trained volunteers, Mountain Valley addresses the growing need for compassionate hospice care. Mountain Valley also owns and operates two hospice inpatient facilities: The Joan & Howard Woltz Hospice Home in Dobson, NC, and the SECU Hospice Care Center in Yadkinville, NC. Both offer a homelike setting for patients and families alike. The goal for both facilities is to help families be as comfortable as possible as they stay close by their loved one during this time when families are needed most. For more information, visit www.mtnvalleyhospice.org.