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### **Haven Hospice hosts memorial rose garden ribbon cutting and dedication**

(GAINESVILLE, Fla.) - Haven Hospice hosted a ribbon cutting and dedication on Saturday, June 4 for the new memorial rose garden donated by the North Central Florida Heritage Roses Group. Paige Beck from *WJCB TV 20* officiated the ribbon cutting. Doves and butterflies were released at the event.

The memorial rose garden provides patients and families a soothing place to visit as well as a beautiful showpiece for those driving up to the care center.

The purely organic rose garden has over 100 roses, both old garden roses and modern roses.

“The generosity of the North Central Florida Heritage Roses Group is wonderful,” said Michael Morse, Haven Hospice Vice President of Organizational Advancement. “We can’t thank them enough for their hard work and dedication in building a beautiful rose garden for patients and families to enjoy.”

The donors that have contributed supplies for the garden include: Angel Gardens from Alachua, Brian Cox, Goodwood Gardens from Tallahassee, Grace Fontana, Grandiflora Nursery, Grower’s Fertilizer Corp., Sally Kaye and Michael McNitt, Robert Mills, Paul Newman, Landscapes Unlimited, Lowe’s, RoseMania, Soil Enrichment Products, Witherspoon Rose Culture and Wood Resource.

The NCF Heritage Roses Group members that have donated their time to build and maintain the memorial rose garden include: Bruce Cavey, Brenda Colbert, Pam Disabatino, Pam and James Greenewald, Mary Hames-McBride, Barbara Harrison, Ann and John Hastings, Frank and Donna Robb, Don and Jan Rogers, Chia and Taras Waltman and Deedee and Mike Whitehead.



**Paige Beck from *WJCB TV 20* and Haven Vice President of Organizational Advancement, Michael Morse, talk about the rose garden at the ribbon cutting and dedication on June 4.**



Members of the North Central Florida Heritage Roses Group release butterflies at the ribbon cutting and dedication on June 4.



Paige Beck of *WCJB TV 20* cuts the ribbon as three doves fly into the air at the Haven Hospice Memorial Rose Garden ribbon cutting and dedication.

**About Haven Hospice**

Haven Hospice is North Florida's expert in end-of-life and palliative care and is one of three 2008 Circle of Life Award® winners nationwide to be recognized as leaders in improving the care of patients near the end-of-life or with life-threatening conditions. Haven Hospice has also been recognized as a Florida Pacesetter for its leadership in promoting advance directives. Haven Hospice has served more than 50,000 patients and families since 1979 and has been licensed in Florida as a not-for-profit hospice since 1980. For more information, visit [www.havenhospice.org](http://www.havenhospice.org), or call 800.727.1889.

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