Bobby Windham was always on the move. A truck driver for most of his adult life, he enjoyed the changing scenery and independence his job offered him. Bobby’s freedom came to a screeching halt in August 2011 when he went from being a strong, healthy man to one with a persistent sinus infection and an itchy rash on his lower legs to a patient diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia.

“When a loved one has cancer, you feel totally helpless,” said Debbie, Bobby’s wife of 37 years. Debbie, who is deputy director for Forrest County Emergency Management and 911 Coordinator, is accustomed to dealing with crises, but she admitted, “It’s different when it’s family. Until you’ve gone through it, you can’t imagine how horrible it is. It affects everything and everybody.”

For the next 10 months, the Windham family navigated Bobby’s challenges at the Forrest General Cancer Center. His rare disease also required him to receive treatment at the University Medical Center (UMC) in Jackson. He always had to have a caregiver with him – a responsibility Debbie handled most of the time.

“A cancer diagnosis changes everything,” she said, pointing out that many people have to take family leave with no pay to take care of a loved one. Fortunately, she had accumulated sick leave at work and was able to work remotely. She also received support from her co-workers and family. Her daughter, Kandace Richey, and son-in-law, Danny, moved into the Windham’s home in Petal to help. Kandace’s sister, Kayla Bryant, would drive up from Slidell to help as well when she was able.

Bobby’s cancer journey began with aggressive chemotherapy, including a drug cocktail referred to as the “Red Devil.” A bone marrow transplant followed, which impressed upon the Windhams the importance of a bone marrow registry. Although Hattiesburg Clinic conducted a bone marrow drive, Bobby’s donor was

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from Germany, where it’s mandatory to participate. Bobby’s and Debbie’s workplaces also had blood drives for his benefit.

After five weeks at UMC, Bobby was able to return home, but had to be isolated for 90 days, and later received blood platelets at Forrest General’s Cancer Center. So, for several months he was restricted to the hospital, home and medical clinics where the walls quickly close in on the patient and caregivers.

At one point, his daughter Kandace, who works for Forrest General Healthcare Foundation, called him prior to a treatment and asked him where he was. Bobby replied, “I’m sitting in my truck because I don’t want to sit in another waiting room.”

“He sat in his truck to be able to see outside,” said Kandace. “The cancer was bad enough, but the confinement was worse.”

Debbie added that one time an inmate was brought in for treatment and her husband related to the convict’s imprisonment, saying, “I kind of know how he feels.”

Unfortunately, Bobby had several setbacks during his treatment, including a reaction to the anti-rejection drug and then an infection that killed off all the donor cells. This required another round of the brutal chemotherapy and a second bone marrow transplant from the same donor. Although necessary, these procedures took a toll on his heart and liver. Two weeks after his second transplant, Bobby died on June 12, 2012, at age 57.

The Windham family’s experience mirrors those of many cancer patients. Even those who are cured and survive recognize the helplessness and isolation of a cancer diagnosis and treatment. It is a journey that isn’t traveled alone, which is why Forrest General Healthcare Foundation is broadening its fundraising efforts to expand cancer services in the community. This campaign at Forrest General’s Cancer Center is focusing on:

✦ The Healing Garden
✦ The Infusion Center and Family Waiting Area
✦ The Patient Navigation Services Program.

For more information, see the related article on page 3.

Although Bobby and his loved ones weren’t able to benefit from these plans, these improvements will help advance cancer care in the community by helping patients and their families navigate treatment, making infusion and waiting areas more pleasant and providing a garden area for those, like Bobby, who feel confined and long for the freedom of outdoors.
The Need is Great

As with any worthwhile endeavor, financial support is needed to complete these projects. These projects will be built with philanthropic tax-deductible dollars from generous members of our community. You can become a member of The 1952 Club by contacting the FGH Foundation at 601.288.4396 or visit FGHFoundation.com.

In recognition:
✦ Your Name will be recognized on the Foundation Donor Wall on the first floor of the hospital.
✦ Listing in the Foundation’s newsletter.
✦ All Members will receive a special recognition item.
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Forrest General Hospital’s vision of world class care through projects that otherwise might not be possible.

With the need for cancer care growing, the Forrest General Healthcare Foundation is broadening its fundraising efforts for the Cancer Center’s Healing Garden, Infusion Center and Family Waiting Area and Patient Navigation Services Program. A cancer diagnosis changes everything. Forrest General understands and is expanding cancer services in the community to help make the cancer journey easier for patients and their families.

The Healing Garden, which is being billed as “Nature’s Waiting Room,” is adjacent to the Cancer Center, and will offer patients, loved ones and visitors a quiet, outdoor space away from treatment areas. The Garden will be open to all, every day, from dawn to dusk, and will encourage calmness, while offering comfort and relaxation. Here, cancer patients and their loved ones can spend time alone to think, rest and regain emotional and physical energy.

The Infusion Center and Family Waiting Area is expanding and updating to offer an array of amenities in a relaxing environment. For enhanced patient comfort, this area will include infusion bays that offer patients more privacy when desired. The bays will contain TVs, Wi-Fi for mobile devices and comfortable recliners. The Infusion Center and Family Waiting Area will foster healing by providing views of the beautiful Healing Garden and giving space for a peaceful respite from the day’s activities.

The Patient Navigation Services Program will help guide patients to live with, through and beyond cancer. From screenings to treatment to follow-up care, the Patient Navigator will educate patients and their families and coordinate consistent care between individual patients and the various healthcare providers. This program will help make cancer less frightening and confusing.

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The Foundation is raising funds for these worthwhile projects through its 1952 Club and a raffle to win a 2016 Toyota Camry XLE. For details, please see page 5.

The 1952 Club’s purpose is to honor those individuals who share a commitment to providing innovative healthcare in our community. Donors who make a minimum donation of $100 or more annually make up this elite group.

Within The 1952 Club (named after Forrest General Hospital’s inception in 1952) there are different levels in which one can participate. The support of this group helps advance
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Thank you for your support! Charitable support always has, and always will be, vital to assuring that our community continues to have access to the very best healthcare services, technology and programs available.
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*by Dave Bush, FGH Foundation Planned Gifts Committee Chair*

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An income tax deduction would result in the amount transferred to charity, less the present value of lifetime annuity retained for one or two persons. Deductions would be identical to those afforded by charitable remainder annuity trust, but much lower amounts would be needed to fund gifts. Higher deductions would result if the first payment is deferred for several years.

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(As of July 15, 2016)
The general contractor has made substantial progress during the past month with sidewalks, asphalt driveway and parking lot receiving base coats. The detention ponds and storm water piping is complete.

Interior finishes are being installed with wall protection in the corridors, ceramic tile in the bathrooms, ceiling grid throughout the facility and fire protection system throughout. Permanent power is live and the electrical contractor is installing permanent feeders to switchgear and emergency generator. The general contractor is targeting the end of August for general construction completion.

Asbury Hospice House Update

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