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Johns Creek couple involved in community

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Johns Creek – Brian and Sherry Ranck said it was easy to get involved in Visiting Nurse Hospice Atlanta. The Johns Creek residents of seven years had two uncles who passed away from cancer and hospice care helped their families during that time.



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"Hospice allowed my aunts to be wives, not caretakers, during the last few weeks of (my uncles') lives," said Brian.

The couple received an invitation from a friend to get involved with the non-profit four years ago and now Brian is the Planned Giving Committee chair for this year's Visiting Nurse Hospice Atlanta annual fall benefit Sept. 26.

"It's a service that we both believe in," said Brian. "We've seen it in action and know what a meaningful impact that we can have."

Sherry said it made sense for them to get involved with Visiting Nurse Hospice Atlanta, since she is a nurse at North Fulton Regional Hospital.

The Rancks have been involved with Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. But most recently, the Rancks have been working hard coordinating the annual benefit, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Capital City Club-Brookhaven. The event will include a cocktail reception and dinner, along with videos of patient stories and silent auctions.

All proceeds will directly support care of more than 18,000 home health and hospice patients annually. If those interested would rather give their time, volunteer opportunities are available as well.

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