Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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1210-0089

2023

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
RETIREMENT PLAN FOR HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1998

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY, INC.

2347 SIMONTON ROAD
STATESVILLE, NC 28625

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1376577

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 704-873-4719

2d Business code (see instructions) 621610

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2024	CHARLES ASHE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:

a Sponsor's name

c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	247
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	197
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	202
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	56
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	258
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	258
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	175
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	171
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	2
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2K 2L 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [X] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [X] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(4)** [ ] **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- **(5)** [ ] **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [X] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 2
- **(4)** [ ] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

OMB No. 1210-0110

2023

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A Name of plan
RETIREMENT PLAN FOR HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
56-1376577

Part I **Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
VARIABLE ANNUITY LIFE INSURANCE CO.

(b) EIN	**(c)** NAIC code	**(d)** Contract or identification number	**(e)** Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	**(g)** To
74-1625348	70238	57439	24	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	**(b)** Total amount of fees paid

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	98896
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	263738

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.	6d	

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☒ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			7b	96579
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	0		
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	0		
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	2317		
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	0		
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	0		
	▶				
	(6) Total additions			7c(6)	2317
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)			7d	98896
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	0		
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	0		
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	0		
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	0		
	▶				
	(5) Total deductions			7e(5)	0
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			7f	98896

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- **a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
- **b** ☐ Dental
- **c** ☐ Vision
- **d** ☐ Life insurance
- **e** ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- **f** ☐ Long-term disability
- **g** ☐ Supplemental unemployment
- **h** ☐ Prescription drug
- **i** ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
- **j** ☐ HMO contract
- **k** ☐ PPO contract
- **l** ☐ Indemnity contract
- **m** ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	0
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	0
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)

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A Name of plan
RETIREMENT PLAN FOR HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
56-1376577

Part I **Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
TALCOTT RESOLUTION LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	**(c)** NAIC code	**(d)** Contract or identification number	**(e)** Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	**(g)** To
06-0974148	88072	745856-01	159	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	**(b)** Total amount of fees paid
24322	0

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

BRENT BOWMAN LPL FINANCIAL LLC
1434 WILKESBORO HWY
STATESVILLE, NC 28625

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	**(e)** Organization code
24322			3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	**(e)** Organization code

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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	1055965
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	4217533

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.	6d	

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

(3) ☒ other (specify) ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			7b	943431
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	311542		
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	0		
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	29996		
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	167777		
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	28043		
	▶ LOAN REPAYMENTS AND FORFEITURES				
	(6) Total additions			7c(6)	537358
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)			7d	1480789
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	76520		
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	50		
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	348254		
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	0		
	▶				
	(5) Total deductions			7e(5)	424824
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			7f	1055965

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- **a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
- **b** ☐ Dental
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- **j** ☐ HMO contract
- **k** ☐ PPO contract
- **l** ☐ Indemnity contract
- **m** ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	0
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	0
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
56-1376577

Part I **Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SEPARATE ACCOUNT II

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): TALCOTT RESOLUTION LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
06-0974148-000	P	4217533

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

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a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

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b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2023

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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan
RETIREMENT PLAN FOR HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
56-1376577

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	3741	264
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	885	336
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	55601	65699
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	4121596	4481271
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	0	0
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	1040010	1154861
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	5221833	5702431
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h	Operating payables	1h	0	0
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j	Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	5221833	5702431

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

			(a) Amount	(b) Total
	Income			
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)	259150	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	456767	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	63638	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		779555
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	4245	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	34288	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		38533
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	0	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		0
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	**2b(6)**		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	**2b(7)**		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	**2b(8)**		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	**2b(9)**		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	**2b(10)**		580639
c Other income	**2c**		0
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	**2d**		1398727
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	**2e(1)**	917160	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	**2e(2)**	0	
(3) Other	**2e(3)**	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	**2e(4)**		917160
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	**2f**		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	**2g**		0
h Interest expense	**2h**		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	**2i(1)**	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	**2i(2)**	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	**2i(3)**	0	
(4) IQPA audit fees	**2i(4)**	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	**2i(5)**	969	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	**2i(6)**	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	**2i(7)**	0	
(8) Legal fees	**2i(8)**	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	**2i(9)**	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	**2i(10)**	0	
(11) Other expenses	**2i(11)**	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	**2i(12)**		969
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	**2j**		918129
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	**2k**		480598
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	**2l(1)**		0
(2) From this plan	**2l(2)**		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [X] Unmodified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [ ] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) [X] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [ ] neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: DAVIDSON, HOLLAND, WHITESELL & CO. **(2)** EIN: 56-1706742

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. **(2)** [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	**4a**		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	**4b**		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	**4c**		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	**4d**		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	**4n**			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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2023

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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan
RETIREMENT PLAN FOR HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
56-1376577

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 06-0974148 74-1625348

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%

High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:

☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

20 **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation._____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☒ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 03 / 31 / 2017 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number J500493A .

RETIREMENT PLAN FOR HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

December 31, 2023 and 2022

(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)



RETIREMENT PLAN FOR HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY

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Independent Auditor's Report

Administrative Committee
Retirement Plan For Hospice of Iredell County:

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(c) Audit

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Retirement Plan For Hospice of Iredell County, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Retirement Plan For Hospice of Iredell County's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the years then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 2 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section-

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company ("VALIC") and Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America ("EAIC"), qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Retirement Plan For Hospice of Iredell County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Retirement Plan For Hospice of Iredell County's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments; administering the plan; and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Retirement Plan For Hospice of Iredell County's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Retirement Plan For Hospice of Iredell County's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year), as of December 31, 2023, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion-

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by VALIC and EAIC, qualified institutions, agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Davidson, Holland, Whitesell & Co., PLLC

Hickory, North Carolina
October 12, 2024

RETIREMENT PLAN FOR HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Assets:		
Receivables:		
Employer contribution receivable	$ 264	3,741
Employee contribution receivable	336	885
Notes receivable from participants	65,699	55,601
Total receivables	66,299	60,227
Investments, at fair value	4,481,271	4,121,596
Investments, at contract value	1,154,861	1,040,010
Net assets available for benefits	$ 5,702,431	5,221,833

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

RETIREMENT PLAN FOR HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income (loss):		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	$ 580,639	(801,679)
Interest and dividend income	34,288	36,255
Total investment income (loss)	614,927	(765,424)
Interest income from notes receivable from participants	4,245	1,830
Contributions:		
Employer contributions	259,150	235,320
Employee contributions	520,405	543,453
Total contributions	779,555	778,773
Total additions to net assets	1,398,727	15,179
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	917,160	545,527
Administrative expenses	969	251
Total deductions from net assets	918,129	545,778
Net increase (decrease) in net assets available for benefits	480,598	(530,599)
Net assets available for benefits:		
Balance, beginning of year	5,221,833	5,752,432
Balance, end of year	$ 5,702,431	5,221,833

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

(1) Plan Description

The following description of Retirement Plan for Hospice of Iredell County ("Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

(a) General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Hospice of Iredell County, Inc. (“Company”). Eligible employees may begin deferring as of the date of hire. Participants who have completed one year of service (1,000 hours) are eligible for the employer matching contribution. The plan entry dates for employer contributions is the payroll period following the satisfaction of the eligibility requirements. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Company’s Board of Directors (“Board”) is responsible for the oversight of the Plan. The Retirement and Deferred Compensation Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan’s investment offerings, monitors investment performance, and reports to the Board.

(b) Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to the maximum allowed by law of their pretax annual compensation, as defined by the Plan. Participants may elect to designate all or a portion of their elective deferrals as Roth contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). The Company may make matching contributions equal to a discretionary percental of salary deferrals and discretionary non-elective contributions to eligible participants. Contributions are subject to certain IRS limitations.

(c) Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant’s contributions and Company matching contributions, as well as allocations of the Company’s non-elective contribution and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined by the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

(1) Plan Description, Continued

(d) Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions and actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their account is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100 percent vested after four years of credited service. Participants become fully vested under the Plan by attaining early or normal retirement age, permanent disability, death or termination of the Plan.

(e) Payment of Benefits

Participants may elect to receive a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. In-service withdrawals are permitted for participants who have attained age 59 ½ or for a qualified financial hardship. Benefits are recorded when paid.

(f) Notes Receivable from Participants

The Plan permits loans to participants. Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or fifty percent of their vested account balance. Loans to participants must be repaid over a period of five years or less unless the loan is used to purchase a principal residence, which may be repaid over a reasonable period of time that exceeds five years. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The loan interest rate is set at two percent above the prime rate, as defined. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

(g) Forfeitures

Upon termination of service of a participant, the non-vested portion of the participant's account is used to reduce future employer contributions or to pay administrative expenses of the Plan. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled $15,772 and $6,550, respectively.

(h) Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses associated with the Plan are paid by the Plan and the Company.

(1) Plan Description, Continued

(i) Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct contributions into various investment options, as defined by the Plan. Participants may change their allocation on a daily basis.

(j) Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue their contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, participants become 100% vested in their accounts.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

(b) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of the Plan assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

(c) Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value (except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Retirement and Deferred Compensation Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America ("EAIC") and The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company ("VALIC"). See note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

(c) Investment Valuation and Income Recognition, Continued

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

(d) Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Participant accounts of $45,595 and $43,621 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, are collateral for loans made directly from VALIC to participants. The participant's account is not reduced; however, a portion of the participant account serves as collateral for the loan. Loan's made directly by VALIC are not included in notes receivable from participants. Participants remit loan payments directly to VALIC and not through payroll deductions.

(e) Certified Investments

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the years then ended, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by EAIC and VALIC.

(3) Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1	Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the plan has the ability to access.
Level 2	Inputs to the valuation methodology include • quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; • quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; • inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; • inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
Level 3	Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Pooled separate accounts: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units held. The NAV is used as the practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by each account less its liabilities. The practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the account will sell the underlying investments for an amount different than the reported NAV. There are not participant redemption restrictions for these investments.

(3) Fair Value Measurements, Continued

Fair Value of Investments that Calculate Net Asset Value

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on the net asset value ("NAV") per share as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

		Fair Value at December 31, 2023	Fair Value at December 31, 2022	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency
Separate accounts:					
Large Blend	(a)	$ 1,315,423	1,130,025	None	Daily
Bond	(b)	1,100,210	1,076,764	None	Daily
Growth	(c)	541,453	515,312	None	Daily
Value	(d)	480,295	446,644	None	Daily
International	(e)	493,086	459,637	None	Daily
Small Blend	(f)	452,386	401,520	None	Daily
Target Risk	(g)	26,298	35,235	None	Daily
Stable Value	(h)	49,345	47,227	None	Daily
Specialty	(i)	22,775	9,232	None	Daily
Investments at fair value		$ 4,481,271	4,121,596		

(3) Fair Value Measurements, Continued

The following are the investment strategies for investments measured using the net asset value practical expedient:

(a) Funds in this category seek to achieve long-term growth of capital and income by investing primarily in stocks of large U.S. companies.
(b) Funds in this category seek to achieve a balance of high current income and capital appreciation, consistent with a prudent level of risk. The funds invest primarily in investment grade bonds.
(c) Funds in this category seek to provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities.
(d) Funds in this category seek to achieve long-term growth of capital and income by investing in securities that the portfolio managers believe are undervalued based on various valuation measures.
(e) Funds in this category seek to achieve long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in global equity securities.
(f) Funds in this category seek long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in stocks of small U.S. companies
(g) Funds in this category seek to achieve as high a return over time and preservation of capital as is considered consistent with the risk tolerance profile of the investor. Total return, commonly understood as the combination of income and capital appreciation, includes interest, capital gains, dividends, and distributions realized over a given period of time.
(h) Funds in this category seek to preserve capital and provide stability of principal while earning current income.
(i) Funds in this category seek to achieve long-term growth of capital and income by investing in securities of companies in one market sector.

(4) Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts

The Plan holds a portfolio of traditional fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contracts totaling $1,154,861 and $1,040,010 at December 31, 2023 and 2022. Contributions to the contracts are maintained in general accounts. The accounts are credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The contract issuers, EAIC and VALIC, are contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by each contract issuer with minimum rates ranging from two to three percent. EAIC reviews crediting rates quarterly for resetting. VALIC reviews crediting rates annually for resetting. The guaranteed investment contracts do not permit the issuers to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

(4) Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts, Continued

These contracts meet the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on the issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

(5) Related Party Transactions

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, plan investments are separate accounts and guaranteed investment contracts issued by EAIC and VALIC. EAIC and VALIC provide recordkeeping services for the Plan. As described in Note 1, the Plan paid expenses related to plan operations and investment activity, and as such, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions under ERISA. Personnel and facilities of the Company have been used to perform administrative services for the Plan at no charge to the Plan.

(6) Tax Status

The IRS has determined and informed the pre-approved plan sponsor by a letter dated March 31, 2017, that the pre-approved plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Although the pre-approved plan has been amended since receiving the advisory opinion letter, the Plan administrator and the pre-approved plan sponsor believe that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

(6) Tax Status

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Department of Labor or Internal Revenue Service. The plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

(7) Benefits Payable

Benefit claims are recorded as an expense when they have been approved for payment and paid by the Plan. There were no benefits payable as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

(8) Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near future and that such changes could materially affect participant account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

(10) Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through October 12, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no significant events which require disclosure in the financial statements or footnotes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RETIREMENT PLAN FOR HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY
EIN: 56-1376577
Plan Number: 001
Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
**	Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company	Fixed Interest Account Plus		$ 98,109
**	Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company	Short Term Fixed Account		787
*	VALIC Ariel Appreciation Fund	Pooled separate account, 273.6897 units		1,385
*	VALIC Ariel Fund	Pooled separate account, 3,069.5980 units		17,058
*	VALIC Government Money Market I Fund	Pooled separate account, 1,826.4252 units		3,750
*	VALIC Government Securities Fund	Pooled separate account, 406.5064 units		1,420
*	VALIC International Growth Fund	Pooled separate account, 723.5710 units		3,260
*	VALIC International Opportunities Fund	Pooled separate account, 515.6431 units		1,649
*	VALIC International Socially Responsible Fund	Pooled separate account, 115.8608 units		1,076
*	VALIC Large Capital Growth Fund	Pooled separate account, 872.5658 units		4,041
*	VALIC Mid Cap Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 2,081.5182 units		76,106
*	VALIC Moderate Growth Lifestyle Fund	Pooled separate account, 128.5689 units		577
*	VALIC Nasdaq-100® Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 1,031.5228 units		4,494
*	VALIC Science & Technology Fund	Pooled separate account, 255.5618 units		4,124
*	VALIC Small Cap Growth Fund	Pooled separate account, 558.2660 units		3,183
*	VALIC Small Cap Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 501.1577 units		5,153
*	VALIC Stock Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 973.6054 units		20,580
*	VALIC Systematic Core Fund	Pooled separate account, 197.9807 units		1,645
*	VALIC Systematic Value Fund	Pooled separate account, 2,329.2159 units		7,073
*	VALIC Vanguard Lifestrategy Conservative Fund	Pooled separate account, 1,941.9961 units		5,093
*	VALIC Vanguard Lifestrategy Growth Fund	Pooled separate account, 5,606.2928 units		20,457
*	VALIC Vanguard Lifestrategy Moderate Fund	Pooled separate account, 235.1842 units		748
*	VALIC Vanguard Wellington Fund	Pooled separate account, 1,858.4118 units		12,665
*	VALIC Windsor II Fund	Pooled separate account, 990.2647 units		7,792
*	VALIC VC I Conservative Growth Lifestyle Fund	Pooled separate account, 4,171.6834 units		14,815
*	VALIC Loan Collateral Fund	Pooled separate account - loan collateral and escrow		45,136
*	VALIC Loan Escrow Fund	Pooled separate account - loan collateral and escrow		459
**	General Account	General account		1,055,965
*	Franklin Conservative Allocation Fund	Pooled separate account, 3,518.819 shares		60,694
*	Putnam High Yield Fund	Pooled separate account, 11,133.070 shares		225,430
*	Franklin Mutual Shares Fund	Pooled separate account, 9,928.817 shares		179,946
*	BNY Mellon Bond Market Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 28,317.969 shares		359,027
*	American Funds AMCAP Fund	Pooled separate account, 6,904.940 shares		236,123
*	American Funds Europacific Fund	Pooled separate account, 7,060.998 shares		112,402
*	The Hartford Capital Appreciation Fund	Pooled separate account, 2,876.672 shares		175,129
*	Pimco Total Return Fund	Pooled separate account, 14,203.234 shares		225,726
*	MFS Research International Fund	Pooled separate account, 8,741.544 shares		122,185

RETIREMENT PLAN FOR HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY
EIN: 56-1376577
Plan Number: 001
Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	JP Morgan Small Cap Growth Fund	Pooled separate account, 1,322.878 shares		$ 102,170
*	Invesco Emerging Markets All Cap Fund	Pooled separate account, 7,796.219 shares		114,708
*	BNY Mellon Midcap Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 6,310.399 shares		221,543
*	BNY Mellon Small Cap Stock Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 4,100.780 shares		149,584
*	American Funds Capital World Growth & Income Fund	Pooled separate account, 9,925.329 shares		215,166
*	Invesco International Bond Fund	Pooled separate account, 17,240.440 shares		225,131
*	T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund	Pooled separate account, 4,522.629 shares		178,639
*	Pioneer Disciplined Value Fund	Pooled separate account, 5,872.573 shares		173,529
*	BNY Mellon S&P 500 Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 11,807.066 shares		459,504
*	Allspring Emerging Market Equity Fund	Pooled separate account, 4,588.400 shares		114,875
*	Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund	Pooled separate account, 3,256.666 shares		129,329
*	Franklin Moderate Allocation Fund	Pooled separate account, 11,385.963 shares		233,010
*	MFS Total Return Fund	Pooled separate account, 2,379.034 shares		52,231
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Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2023

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A This return/report is for:
- ☐ a multiemployer plan
- ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- ☒ a single-employer plan
- ☐ a DFE (specify) ___

B This return/report is:
- ☐ the first return/report
- ☐ the final return/report
- ☐ an amended return/report
- ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐

D Check box if filing under:
- ☒ Form 5558
- ☐ automatic extension
- ☐ the DFVC program
- ☐ special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
RETIREMENT PLAN FOR HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1998

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)

HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY, INC.

2347 SIMONTON ROAD

STATESVILLE NC 28625

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
56-1376577

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
704-873-4719

2d Business code (see instructions)
621610

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE		10/14/24	CHARLES ASHE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b** Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: **a** Sponsor's name **c** Plan Name	**4b** EIN **4d** PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	247
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	197
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	202
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	56
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	258
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	258
g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	175
g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	171
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	2
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2E 2F 2G 2K 2L 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

- (1) [X] Insurance
- (2) [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- (3) [X] Trust
- (4) [ ] General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- (1) [X] Insurance
- (2) [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- (3) [X] Trust
- (4) [ ] General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) [ ] **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) [ ] **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) [X] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 2
- (4) [ ] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

RETIREMENT PLAN FOR HOSPICE OF IREDELL COUNTY
EIN: 56-1376577
Plan Number: 001
Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
**	Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company	Fixed Interest Account Plus		$ 98,109
**	Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company	Short Term Fixed Account		787
*	VALIC Ariel Appreciation Fund	Pooled separate account, 273.6897 units		1,385
*	VALIC Ariel Fund	Pooled separate account, 3,069.5980 units		17,058
*	VALIC Government Money Market I Fund	Pooled separate account, 1,826.4252 units		3,750
*	VALIC Government Securities Fund	Pooled separate account, 406.5064 units		1,420
*	VALIC International Growth Fund	Pooled separate account, 723.5710 units		3,260
*	VALIC International Opportunities Fund	Pooled separate account, 515.6431 units		1,649
*	VALIC International Socially Responsible Fund	Pooled separate account, 115.8608 units		1,076
*	VALIC Large Capital Growth Fund	Pooled separate account, 872.5658 units		4,041
*	VALIC Mid Cap Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 2,081.5182 units		76,106
*	VALIC Moderate Growth Lifestyle Fund	Pooled separate account, 128.5689 units		577
*	VALIC Nasdaq-100® Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 1,031.5228 units		4,494
*	VALIC Science & Technology Fund	Pooled separate account, 255.5618 units		4,124
*	VALIC Small Cap Growth Fund	Pooled separate account, 558.2660 units		3,183
*	VALIC Small Cap Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 501.1577 units		5,153
*	VALIC Stock Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 973.6054 units		20,580
*	VALIC Systematic Core Fund	Pooled separate account, 197.9807 units		1,645
*	VALIC Systematic Value Fund	Pooled separate account, 2,329.2159 units		7,073
*	VALIC Vanguard Lifestrategy Conservative Fund	Pooled separate account, 1,941.9961 units		5,093
*	VALIC Vanguard Lifestrategy Growth Fund	Pooled separate account, 5,606.2928 units		20,457
*	VALIC Vanguard Lifestrategy Moderate Fund	Pooled separate account, 235.1842 units		748
*	VALIC Vanguard Wellington Fund	Pooled separate account, 1,858.4118 units		12,665
*	VALIC Windsor II Fund	Pooled separate account, 990.2647 units		7,792
*	VALIC VC I Conservative Growth Lifestyle Fund	Pooled separate account, 4,171.6834 units		14,815
*	VALIC Loan Collateral Fund	Pooled separate account - loan collateral and escrow		45,136
*	VALIC Loan Escrow Fund	Pooled separate account - loan collateral and escrow		459
**	General Account	General account		1,055,965
*	Franklin Conservative Allocation Fund	Pooled separate account, 3,518.819 shares		60,694
*	Putnam High Yield Fund	Pooled separate account, 11,133.070 shares		225,430
*	Franklin Mutual Shares Fund	Pooled separate account, 9,928.817 shares		179,946
*	BNY Mellon Bond Market Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 28,317.969 shares		359,027
*	American Funds AMCAP Fund	Pooled separate account, 6,904.940 shares		236,123
*	American Funds Europacific Fund	Pooled separate account, 7,060.998 shares		112,402
*	The Hartford Capital Appreciation Fund	Pooled separate account, 2,876.672 shares		175,129
*	Pimco Total Return Fund	Pooled separate account, 14,203.234 shares		225,726
*	MFS Research International Fund	Pooled separate account, 8,741.544 shares		122,185

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*	BNY Mellon Midcap Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 6,310.399 shares		221,543
*	BNY Mellon Small Cap Stock Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 4,100.780 shares		149,584
*	American Funds Capital World Growth & Income Fund	Pooled separate account, 9,925.329 shares		215,166
*	Invesco International Bond Fund	Pooled separate account, 17,240.440 shares		225,131
*	T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund	Pooled separate account, 4,522.629 shares		178,639
*	Pioneer Disciplined Value Fund	Pooled separate account, 5,872.573 shares		173,529
*	BNY Mellon S&P 500 Index Fund	Pooled separate account, 11,807.066 shares		459,504
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