



Dr. Kathleen Benton

BIO: Dr. Kathleen Benton, Chief Executive Officer, Hospice Savannah, Inc.

Kathleen Benton is the CEO of Hospice Savannah, Inc. She is deeply involved in the region through volunteer advisory board roles with the Technical College System of Georgia's local technical college and Georgia Southern University's Waters College Advisory Board while holding professorships at Armstrong State University, Mercer University School of Medicine and the Medical College of Georgia. Dr. Benton holds a master's degree in medical ethics and a doctorate in public health. She has authored and reviewed numerous publications on topics such as palliative care, ethics, hospice, and communication. Her first publication, a children's book entitled *Daniel's World: A Book About Children with Disabilities*, is closest to her heart. Her other publications include *The Skill of End-of-Life Communication for Clinicians* (2017), *Finding Dignity at the End of Life: A Spiritual Reflection on Palliative Care* (2019), and her latest book, *Virtual Reality for Serious Illness* (2024). She lives her vocation as CEO of four joint nonprofit organizations including Hospice Savannah. Dr. Benton resides in Savannah with her husband, Rex, and their three children: Julia Grace, Jack, and Andrew.