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LIVING WITH GRIEF[®]: CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

Unity To Host Hospice Foundation Of America's 15th Annual Teleconference

Green Bay, Wis. – March 31, 2008 – Unity, leaders in hospice and palliative care, announces their hosting of a teleconference on children and adolescents and their journey with grief. The teleconference will broadcast Wednesday, April 16, 2008, from 12:30pm to 3:30pm CST at the F.K. Bemis Center at St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wisconsin. Open to the general public, the teleconference is geared to a wide variety of professionals – including doctors, nurses, funeral directors, psychologists, educators, social workers and bereavement counselors – and enables them to share and exchange ideas and obtain continuing education credits. There is no charge for attending the teleconference. Advanced registration is required by calling Unity at 920-338-1111. Lisa De Sieno, Unity's Director of Outreach, is available for more information.

Each year the Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) presents a nationally recognized distance learning program, live via satellite and webcast, to more than 125,000 people in 2,000 communities. For more than a decade, this annual educational program has been instrumental in educating health care professionals and families on issues affecting end-of-life care.

This year's 15th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference on "Children and Adolescents" will focus on the experience of grieving children and adolescents and the ways that all hospice professionals, educators and counselors, parents, social workers, physicians, grief counselors, funeral directors and clergy can best support these populations as they cope with loss and grief. Moderated by Frank Sesno, Professor of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University and Special



Correspondent with CNN, the program will include a panel of noted authorities, including: **Kenneth J. Doka**, PhD, MDiv from The College of New Rochelle, **Nancy Hogan**, PhD, RN, FAAN from Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, **Rita Milburn-Dobson**, MA, RNC, FT from Precious Gems Supportive Services, **Laura E. Olague**, MEd, CT from Children's Grief Center, **Stacy F. Orloff**, EdD LCSW from The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast and **J. William Worden**, PhD, ABPP from Harvard Childhood Bereavement Study.

HFA publishes a companion book written by noted authorities which offers in-depth information on topics discussed during the program. Pre-paid orders will be taken the day of teleconference for \$14 (cash or check).

The broadcast is sponsored in part by a grant from the Foundation for End-of-Life Care, and produced in cooperation with the Adventist Communications Network, the Association for Death Education and Counseling, the National Association of Social Workers, the Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Education System and The Compassionate Friends

The teleconference is produced by Hospice Foundation of America, a not-for-profit organization, which acts as an advocate for the hospice concept of care through ongoing programs of professional education, public information and research on issues relating to illness, loss, grief and bereavement.

About Unity

Unity, a not-for-profit leader in hospice and palliative care, is a partnership of Green Bay's three not-for-profit hospitals – Bellin Health, St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center and St. Vincent Hospital. Unity is a continuation of the former Bellin Hospice program founded in 1977. Unity provides community-based hospice and palliative care, residential hospice care and grief support in twelve counties in Northeast Wisconsin. Unity is a member of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO).

Unity is based in the Green Bay area with offices in Marinette, Shawano and Sturgeon Bay. For more information call (920) 338-1111 or visit www.unityhospice.org.

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