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**Unity Nursing Staff Members Achieve Hospice and Palliative Care
National Certification**

Green Bay, Wis. – February 3, 2009 – Unity, leaders in hospice and palliative care, today announced five additional members of its nursing staff achieved national certification in hospice and palliative care from the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses.

Promoting professional development is a core value at Unity. Nursing staff become eligible to sit for the certification exam after completing 2,000 hours or having an equivalent of two years experience in the fields of hospice and palliative care. Certification in hospice and palliative care indicates expertise in end-of-life care and for Unity ensures quality and consistency of care for its patients.

Unity recognizes the growing demand within the communities it serves for quality, end-of-life care services provided by skilled professionals and takes pride in these members of its nursing staff and the large body of certified staff they join:

- Kim Quist, a licensed practical nurse, achieved recognition as Certified Hospice and Palliative Licensed Nurse (CHPLN®).
- Unity registered nurses Sharon Kowalkowski, Patti Martens, Karla Parmentier and Paula Rose achieved recognition as Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurses (CHPN®).



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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