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PAUL KOCH, MD, RECOGNIZED AS UNITY GUARDIAN ANGEL
Volunteers Expertise to Help Unity Patients

Green Bay, Wis. – November 23, 2009 – Unity, leaders in hospice and palliative care, today announced the selection of Paul Koch, MD, as the 2009 Unity Guardian Angel award winner for his contribution to the organization. Dr. Koch was honored in a ceremony Friday, November 13, 2009. Each year, since 1997, Unity has recognized an individual or group of individuals who have been true philanthropists of its mission as Unity Guardian Angels.

Dr. Koch has been a long-time supporter of Unity stemming from his professional work as a medical oncologist. In 1976, Dr. Koch became the first oncologist in Green Bay. He was also the founder of Green Bay Oncology. After 30 years of working in the medical oncology field, Dr. Koch retired in 2006.

Since January 2007, Dr. Koch has volunteered as a physician with Unity. He has made over 640 visits to patients in their homes. Dr. Koch serves as a Physician Advisor for three care teams and is an active member of the teams' interdisciplinary meetings where each patient's plan of care is developed and reviewed. By volunteering his time as a physician, funding that otherwise would cover wages and benefits are available for areas of greatest need within Unity, such as charity care.

Dr. Koch resides in Green Bay with his wife of 41 years, Linda. They have 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren. His many hobbies include gardening, hunting, fishing, boating and model railroading. In addition to volunteering for Unity, he also serves as a Board Member/President and frequent volunteer with the National Railroad Museum.



Dr. Koch shares the distinction of Unity Guardian Angel with other noted community members and organizations. Past honorees include: Sue and the late Michael Mietzel, Dr. Bill and Sandy Schneider, Bill and Marge Galvin, Dr. James McGovern, Carol Bush, Cornerstone Foundation, AXA Advisors/Voyageur Group, Howard and DeLane Hansen, Rick and Ginny Baer, Jack and Engrid Meng, Elaine Le Duc and Merrill Lynch.

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 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) and the Hospice Organization and Palliative Experts (HOPE) of Wisconsin.

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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