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MICHAEL AND SUE MIETZEL RECOGNIZED AS UNITY GUARDIAN ANGELS

Green Bay, Wis. – November 24, 2008 – Unity, leaders in hospice and palliative care, today announced the selection of Michael and Sue Mietzel as 2008 Unity Guardian Angel award winners for their contributions to the organization. The Mietzels were honored in a ceremony Friday, November 14, 2008. Sue accepted the award on behalf of her and Michael, who passed away earlier this year and was honored posthumously. 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.

The Mietzels have been long-time supporters of Unity because of their respect for human life and death. Both Sue and Michael joined Unity's volunteer team early in the organization's existence. Michael remained an active volunteer up until his passing in June, using his professional skills as a pharmacist to advise on the comfort care provided to seriously and terminally ill patients, as well as deliver medications and supplies to patients on a weekly basis. Much of his early career was with Streu's Pharmacy in Green Bay and later with Wal-Mart, first as a store manager and then doing relief work.

Following Michael's passing, the Mietzel family furthered their commitment to Unity with sponsorship of the Butterfly Garden in Unity's new Memorial Gardens at its De Pere campus. While enhancing the serene surroundings of Unity's Jack and Engrid Meng Residence and offering a space for reflection, healing and remembering for patients, families and the community, donations to Unity's



Memorial Gardens support Unity’s patient care programs, helping to ensure their viability today and for years to come. The Butterfly Garden will be both a lasting tribute to Michael and support the patients and families he served in his volunteer work.

The Mietzels share the distinction of Unity Guardian Angels with other noted community members and organizations. Past honorees include: Dr. Bill and Sandy Schneider, Bill and Marge Galvin, Dr. James and Bernie McGovern, Bob and 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 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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