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Unity's Medical Director Achieves Board Certification

Green Bay, Wis. – October 5, 2009 – Unity, leaders in hospice and palliative care, today announced that their Medical Director, Rance Hafner, MD, successfully completed his Board Recertification Examination. The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) based in Lexington, Ky., conducted the Recertification Examination.

Board certification confers a standard of excellence in knowledge and practice to physicians who not only certify via the examination process, but who also work diligently on the maintenance of these skills during the seven-year cycle between examinations.

To achieve recertification by the ABFM, a family physician must verify the completion of 300 hours of acceptable continuing medical education over the past six years; possess a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States; and successfully complete a one-day written examination of cognitive knowledge and problem-solving abilities. This examination covers the disciplines of the specialty including, but not limited to: adult medicine, care of newborns, infants, children, and adolescents; maternity and gynecological care; community medicine; care of the older patient; human behavior and mental health; and care of the surgical patient.

As Medical Director, Dr. Hafner oversees Unity's end-of-life patient care programs, working with the nursing staff, social workers, chaplains, grief counselors and volunteers to deliver the highest quality care possible to patients and their families. He has been a member of the Unity team since June 2001. In addition to his certification from the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM), he

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is certified by the American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (ABHPM). Dr. Hafner is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the Medical Society of Wisconsin and the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM); and served as the 2008 Chair of the Wisconsin Cancer Council. He resides in Green Bay, Wisconsin, with his wife, Kristin, and their children Samuel, Maxwell, Jacob and Kathryn.

About The American Board of Family Medicine

The American Board of Family Medicine, one of 24 Member Boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties, is the second largest medical specialty board in the United States. Founded in 1969, it is a voluntary, not-for-profit, private organization whose purposes include improving the quality of medical care available to the public, establishing and maintaining standards of excellence in the specialty of Family Medicine, improving the standards of medical education for training in Family Medicine, and determining by evaluation the fitness of specialists in Family Medicine who apply for and hold certificates.

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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