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

Green Bay, Wis. – July 30, 2009 – Unity, leaders in hospice and palliative care, today announced four additional members of its nursing staff achieved national certification, and one member received recertification, 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. Staff members are certified for a period of four years and obtain recertification through the testing process. 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:

- Jane Petri and Amanda Polaczyk, certified nursing assistants, achieved recognition as Certified Hospice and Palliative Nursing Assistants (CHPNA™).
- Anne Curtis, a licensed practical nurse, achieved recognition as Certified Hospice and Palliative Licensed Nurse (CHPLN®).



- Unity registered nurses Lynn Nier and Pam Rojas achieved recognition as Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurses (CHPN®). Nier earned recertification through the testing process.

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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