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

Green Bay, Wis. – August 17, 2010 – Unity, leaders in hospice and palliative care, today announced six 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.

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. 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.

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.

- Unity registered nurses Tricia Phillips, Lisa Garbe and Chris Mlnarik achieved recognition as Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurses (CHPN®).
 - Phillips (Green Bay) is an Assistant Director of Patient Services, overseeing patient care staff in Marinette, Forest, northern Oconto and western Brown counties.
 - Garbe (Green Bay) provides patient care in northwest Brown County.
 - Mlnarik (Oconto) earned recertification through the testing process. She cares for patients in Oconto and neighboring communities.

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- Renee Morrow, licensed practical nurse, achieved recognition as a Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (CHPN®). Morrow (Green Bay) provides care to patients at Unity's hospice residence, the Jack and Engrid Meng Residence, in De Pere.
- Patti Hutjens and Leslie Mayo, certified nursing assistants, achieved recognition as Certified Hospice and Palliative Nursing Assistants (CHPNA™). Hutjens (De Pere) cares for patients at Unity's hospice residence in De Pere as well as in the other communities Unity serves. Mayo (Sturgeon Bay) provides care to patients in Door County.

About Unity

Unity is a not-for-profit provider of community-based hospice and palliative care, residential hospice care and grief support in 12 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 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 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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