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**Unity Certified Nursing Assistants Achieve National Certification
Hospice and Palliative Care Expertise Ensures Quality Care**

Green Bay, Wis. – September 26, 2011 – Unity, leaders in hospice and palliative care, today announced that four additional members of its certified nursing assistant (CNA) staff achieved certification 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.

- Laura Frea, Ashley Ginter, Andrea Polarek and Wendy Simonsen certified nursing assistants, achieved recognition as Certified Hospice and Palliative Nursing Assistants (CHPNA™). As CNA's, they support patients and their families in a variety of settings, including private homes and assisted living facilities.

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- Frea (Marinette) cares for patients residing in the Marinette community and surrounding areas.
- Ginter (Green Bay) supports patients living in Brown County and neighboring communities.
- Polarek (Green Bay) provides personal care for patients living in the Green Bay area.
- Simonsen (Luxemburg) assists patients residing in Door County and Kewaunee County.

About Unity

Unity is a not-for-profit provider of hospice, palliative care and grief support in 12 counties in Northeast Wisconsin and has offices in the Green Bay area, Marinette, Shawano and Sturgeon Bay. A continuation of the former Bellin Hospice program founded in 1977, Unity is a partnership of Bellin Health, St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center and St. Vincent Hospital. Unity is a member of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO). For more information call (920) 338-1111 or visit www.unityhospice.org.

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