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**UNITY DIRECTOR OF COMPLIANCE APPOINTED TO NATIONAL
HOSPICE ORGANIZATION REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

Green Bay, Wis. – March 9, 2010 – Unity, leaders in hospice and palliative care, today announced the appointment of its Director of Compliance, Anne LeMere, to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's (NHPCO) Regulatory Committee.

NHPCO's Regulatory Committee is charged with monitoring federal activity related to hospice and palliative care. Potential committee members apply to express their interest in the Regulatory Committee, selected members are appointed by the committee chairs, the NHPCO president and CEO, with input by staff liaisons. LeMere joins over 40 representatives from across the country on the committee. Her three-year term runs through 2012.

Anne LeMere first joined Unity in 2000 in a Registered Nurse role and grew with Unity through several promotions. Since 2008 she has been the Director of Compliance, overseeing operations and staff to ensure compliance with internal policies and procedures, as well as those mandated by local, state and federal authorities. LeMere also oversees the information systems department to ensure the secure and confidential retention of patient and organization records.

In addition to LeMere, Unity representatives Nicole Curran, Executive Director, and Lisa De Sieno, Director of Bereavement and Volunteer Services, hold positions on NHPCO Committees. Curran serves as the Vice Chair for the Governance Committee and De Sieno belongs to the Steering Committee for Bereavement Professionals.



LeMere holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Bellin College. Additionally, she has been Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse certified since October 2002. In September 2002 she became an End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium trainer and in 2003 became a Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association approved educator for clinical review for nurses and nursing assistants.

About the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), founded in 1978, is the largest nonprofit membership organization representing hospice and palliative care programs and professionals in the United States. The organization is committed to improving end-of-life care and expanding access to hospice care with the goal of profoundly enhancing quality of life for people dying in America and their loved ones. With headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization advocates for the terminally ill and their families. It also develops public and professional educational programs and materials to enhance understanding and availability of hospice and palliative care; convenes frequent meetings and symposia on emerging issues; provides technical informational resources to its membership; conducts research; monitors Congressional and regulatory activities; and works closely with other organizations that share an interest in end-of-life care. For more information, visit www.nhpc.org.

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.