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Volunteer Chaplain Donates Photograph for Unity's 2009 Holiday Card

Green Bay, Wis. – December 21, 2009 – Unity, leaders in hospice and palliative care, today announced the donation of “Cave Point After the Storm,” an original digital photograph taken by local artist and Unity volunteer chaplain, Tom Turriff, for its 2009 holiday card fundraising campaign, *Gift from the Heart*. The fundraiser is one of two major annual campaigns designed to raise awareness and funds for support of the non-profit's palliative, hospice and bereavement programs in Northeast Wisconsin. On an average day, 630 patients receive palliative and hospice care, and nearly 4,500 family members receive follow-up bereavement support from Unity's trained staff.

“Cave Point After the Storm” was taken January 24, 2009, at Cave Point County Park in Door County about an hour after sunrise when it was approximately -7°F. Captured in the image of ice formed by splashing waves is “sea smoke,” an effect created as water vaporizes from Lake Michigan, and “pancake ice” forming on the lake's surface.

“We are grateful to Tom for his donation of his photograph to our annual holiday fundraising project. Through his support, and the support of so many people in the community, we are able to care for all people who need our services,” comments Nicole Curran, executive director.

Tom is a member of Unity's volunteer team, providing spiritual support and comfort to patients and families as a chaplain. He joined Unity in 2002 after having been a caregiver himself, wanting to offer what he could to those living with similar situations. His passion for photographing nature



blossomed in 2003 and inspired him to travel throughout North America in the winter, including Yellowstone and the Arctic. Additionally, he has photographed extensively in Maine, Upper Michigan and his favorite, Door County. Tom and his wife JoAnn, a retired nurse from Unity, make their home in De Pere.

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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