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Two Unity Volunteers Complete 100th Prayer Shawls

Green Bay, Wis. – August 22, 2011 – Unity, leaders in hospice and palliative care, today announced that two volunteers have each completed making their 100th prayer shawl for patients. Mary Lou Schulze has already surpassed making 100 prayer shawls and Irene Pranica recently completed her 100th. Prayer shawls are created by volunteers who, while knitting or crocheting with a special type of soft yarn, pray for comfort and healing. The handcrafted shawls are provided as gifts to patients. Included with the shawl is a poem wishing the patient feelings of peace and comfort.

Both Schulze and Pranica volunteer their talents in several capacities. Since 2000, Schulze has assisted with administrative projects, represented Unity at special events and provided companionship to patients and their families. During the past 14 years, Pranica has supported families dealing with issues of grief and loss through the bereavement program.

Unity relies on dedicated volunteers to provide administrative assistance and support with its hospice, palliative and bereavement care programs.

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.