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HOUSTON SOLARI HOSPICE CARE RAISES AWARENESS DURING NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

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November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, a special time for Houston **Solari Hospice Care** to reach out to the community to help educate people about the compassionate care hospice provides.

Coping with a serious or life-limiting illness is not easy. Working with doctors and hospitals, navigating the maze of health care needs, and figuring out Medicare or insurance coverage – all in addition to the physical demands of caring for a loved one – can be overwhelming. Houston Solari Hospice Care wants the community to know that there's help.

"We work hard all year 'round to make sure people know that support, comfort and respect are available at a time when hope seems out of reach," says Bren Hingle, admissions director, Houston Solari Hospice Care. "Yet during November, we ramp up our efforts to raise awareness

of the high-quality care that's available during one of life's most challenging times."

Hospice care provides expert pain management, symptom control, psycho-social support and spiritual care to patients and families when a cure is not possible. All medicines and equipment needed to keep a patient comfortable can be brought right into the home, which is where most people would like to be if at all possible.

When patients do require advanced medical treatment that cannot be administered at home, they can be admitted to the newly-opened, 12-bed Houston Solari Hospice Care Inpatient Home. This facility provides a warm, friendly "home away from home" atmosphere. Unlike hospitals, patients can remain with their friends and family members 24 hours a day, and even young children and pets are welcome. Everything possible is done to make patients and caregivers feel comfortable.

"It's all about quality of life, and making each day count," says Hingle. "With the help of hospice, patients can focus on what's most important – living as fully as possible in spite of illness."

According to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), more than 1.5 million people with a life-limiting illness get help from the nation's hospice and palliative care providers every single year.

"There's an inaccurate perception among the American public that hospice means you've given up," says J. Donald Schumacher, president and CEO of the NHPCO. "Those of us who have worked in the field have seen firsthand how hospice and palliative care can improve the quality of life. And there's a growing body of research showing that hospice and palliative care may prolong the lives of some people who receive care."

As a member of the NHPCO, Solari Hospice Care is devoted to helping people live with dignity and comfort by providing trusted and professional hospice care in the Houston and Las Vegas communities. Focused on enhancing the quality of life for patients and their loved ones, Solari's exemplary team of physicians, pharmacists, registered nurses, certified nursing aides, social workers, administrative staff and counselors are specially trained to offer the most compassionate and comforting care designed for each patient's unique needs. To learn more about Solari Hospice Care, please visit www.solarihospice.com, e-mail info@solarihospice.net or follow @SolariHospice on Twitter or Facebook.

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