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**Solari Hospice Care to be Silver Sponsor
of *Living With Grief Conference***

Las Vegas, Nev. – Feb. 13, 2012 – Understanding the grieving process is an essential job skill for nurses, social workers, therapists, physicians, psychologists, counselors, chaplains, administrators, aides, volunteers and many others who work tirelessly in the fields of hospice care, palliative medicine and long-term care. Day in and day out, these healthcare workers must provide compassionate, constructive guidance to families, caregivers and patients facing end-of-life issues.

To help these professionals develop the tools they need, Solari Hospice Care is proud to be a Silver Sponsor of a *Living With Grief Conference*, “Beyond Kübler-Ross: New Perspectives on Death, Dying and Grief.” The conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, at the UnitedHealthcare Building, 2716 N. Tenaya, in Las Vegas.

“A conference like this can help those of us who work in hospice and the healthcare profession to summon a greater sense of compassion and to find more patience toward those who have lost loved ones,” says Steven Lodesky, spiritual counselor, Solari Hospice Care, and a member of the planning committee for the *Living With Grief Conference*. “We each have our own timeline for dealing with losses. One person may take much longer than another. However we grieve and however long it takes to reconcile life without our loved one, it’s still best to work through the process. Avoidance and denial – or being strong – are usually not healthy ways to deal with our grief.”

Conference attendees will learn the role and value of Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, M.D. (1926 –2004), a Swiss American psychiatrist, humanitarian and hospice pioneer. In 1969, Dr. Kübler-Ross authored the groundbreaking book, *On Death and Dying*, where she introduced what has since become known as the “Kübler-Ross model” of the five stages of grief (denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance). In addition, attendees will gain a better understanding of anticipatory grief and hear about contemporary research on grief interventions.

Keynote speakers at the conference include Mirit Avram, M.D., “A Physician’s Perspective on Grief Under Hospice and Palliative Care”; Cynthia Drew, L.C.S.W., “Grief Recovery Method”; and Dianne Gray, Elisabeth Kübler-Ross Foundation, “A Review of Facts and Fallacies.” The conference also features a fall education program released by the Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) and includes a panel of healthcare professionals addressing questions from the audience on the HFA topic.

This marks the 17th year for the *Living With Grief Conference*, which is being offered this year by The Learning Institute, an affiliate of the Center for Compassionate Care, a division of Nathan Adelson Hospice. Cost for the conference is \$50 for professionals wanting Continuing Education Units. (Social workers must pay an additional \$30 to the HFA to receive full CEU credits.) Cost is \$35 for professionals and others not seeking CEUs. Fees include all workshop materials, a continental breakfast and lunch.

More than 120 healthcare professionals are expected to attend. The conference is also open to the public. Deadline for registration is March 7. For more information, contact Audrey Waid at awaid@nah.org or 702-938-3923 or visit The Learning Institute website at learninginstitute.nah.org.

Solari Hospice Care is devoted to helping people live with dignity and comfort by providing trusted and professional hospice care in the Las Vegas community. 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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