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Solari Hospice Care Honors World Hospice and Palliative Care Day 2011

Media Tour Scheduled at Inpatient Home – Thursday, Oct. 6, 9 to 11 a.m.

Who: Solari Hospice Care is hosting a special “Media Tour” of its Las Vegas Inpatient Home in anticipation of the upcoming World Hospice and Palliative Care Day (in conjunction with Voices for Hospices), which will be celebrated by more than 80 countries around the globe on Saturday, Oct. 8. One of the primary goals of World Hospice and Palliative Care Day is to raise awareness and understanding of the needs – medical, social, practical, spiritual – of people living with a life limiting illness and of their families. We invite the media to join us in this effort.

What: Our unique Inpatient Home in Las Vegas is one of only a few freestanding inpatient centers in the country exclusively devoted to hospice care – providing terminally ill patients with a “home away from home” setting. The facility offers 12 spacious private rooms for compassionate medical care, a soothing family gathering room and a serene chapel for spiritual meditation.

When: The tour will be held on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 9 to 11 a.m. Call Candis Armour, executive director, Solari Hospice Care, at 702-870-0000 for more information. (If you are interested in observing the medical director’s rounds, please call in advance for an earlier appointment.)

Where: Our Inpatient Home is located at 5530 S. Jones Blvd., Las Vegas.

Why: Solari Hospice Care and the nonprofit Solari Hospice Foundation are committed to educating the public about end-of-life care options. By focusing on relieving pain and managing symptoms, hospice care helps patients retain as much control as possible and maximize quality of life. In contrast to the colder, more rigid environment of hospitals, our Inpatient Hospice Care Home is geared toward warm, cozy palliative care administered in accordance with each patient’s medical plan. Patients can receive visitors at any hour, including infants, small children and even pets. In addition, patient rooms are designed for not only the dignity, comfort and privacy of patients, but for their family members as well.

How: You will have an opportunity to meet and interview Solari’s specially trained team of medical professionals, volunteers, caregivers and others. You will also have an opportunity to take photographs or shoot footage of our facility and our team members in action.

Theme: This year’s World Hospice and Palliative Care Day theme is “many diseases, many lives, many voices – palliative care for non-communicable conditions.” Non-communicable diseases (NCDs), which include cardiovascular diseases, cancers, chronic respiratory conditions and diabetes, make up 60 percent of death worldwide. Globally, NCDs will increase by 17 percent in the next 10 years. Furthermore, while

more than 100 million patients and family caregivers worldwide need palliative care every year, less than eight percent actually receive it. World Hospice and Palliative Care Day is raising awareness about how palliative care can improve the quality of life for patients and their families. To find out more about World Hospice and Palliative Care Day 2011, visit www.worldday.org.

About Solari Hospice Care: 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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