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\$15 MILLION RAISED; STRONG SUPPORT CONTINUES

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The Building a Legacy of Care Capital Campaign to raise money for the construction of the Pepper Family Hospice Home and Center for Care recently reached its first major objective by raising \$15.1 million. Reaching this benchmark was made possible by the generous support of donors through 137 gifts made since the Campaign began last spring. While gifts varied in amounts, with the lead donation being \$3 million by Barrington residents Richard and Roxy Pepper, the average gift so far in the Campaign is \$110,309.

The Campaign also received impressive support from 100 percent of the board members from the agency and its Foundation, who have pledged a combined amount of \$6.7 million.

HNI will kick off the Community Phase of this capital campaign in early spring as the agency strives to raise funds toward the total project cost of \$18 million.

HNI would like to thank the campaign leaders and volunteers who have been working closely with the agency in this endeavor:

Campaign Co-Chairs

Jim Lancaster and George Yapp

Leadership Gift Co-Chairs

Freddie Smith-Pederson and Roxy Pepper

Major Gift Co-Chairs

Mike Moorman, Gil Reich and Tim Wickstrom

Foundation Phase Co-Chairs:

Dee Beaubien, Kim Duchossois and Brooks McCormick

Corporate Gift Co-Chairs:

Russ Brown and Bill Kesler

Community Gift Co-Chairs:

David and Carol Nelson

Major Gift Committee:

Syl Boeder, Jerry Brown, Bruce Carlson, Doris Cook, Gordon Coursen, John Cox,

Russ Feurer, Cary Loomis, Anne Miller, Patrick Moughan, Sam Oliver, and Brad

Stetson.

Located on Lake Zurich Road, off Route 14, the building will consist of 16 inpatient rooms, which is the maximum limit allowed for hospice residences by the State of Illinois, as well as a family room, children's play area, dining room, clinical team space, staff and volunteer training/education rooms, quiet/meditation room, the Center for Loss and Hope (bereavement support), and administrative offices.

“We are very pleased that we have received support from so many individuals and organizations to proceed with our plans to build a new Hospice Home and Center for Care,” stated Bill Ries, interim president and CEO at HNI. “We are excited to be able to move forward with this exciting project that will ultimately allow Hospice of

Northeastern Illinois to extend its circle of care to even more patients and families who are facing end of life.”

Situated on 6.7 acres of partially wooded land, the new hospice home and center for care will not only allow HNI staff to continue to care for 1,300 patients each year who are at their own homes or at extended care facilities, it will give additional patients who can no longer be cared for at home a home-like facility in which to spend their final days.

“The Boards and Administration recognized if HNI is to continue to fulfill its mission and maintain its commitment to patients and families throughout its six-county service area, it is imperative to develop this additional facility,” said Ries. “Not all patients can be cared for at home. A hospice residence will make it possible for patients with pain and symptom management needs to be cared for in a home-like setting by a staff of clinical experts who are specially trained in end-of-life care,” he said.

The new Hospice Home and Center for Care will be constructed in line with the guidelines for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. LEED-certified, also referred to as “Green” buildings, cost less to operate and maintain, are energy- and water-efficient, are healthier and safer for occupants, and use resources more effectively. This facility will among the first LEED-certified hospices in the United States.

The community-based, non-profit agency has been involved in the silent phase and major gift phase of a capital campaign to raise a minimum of \$15 million to construct the inpatient hospice facility which will also house the agency’s staff offices. “Because of donations made by generous individuals, we’ve reached our first benchmark of \$15

million,” said George Yapp, a member of HNI’s board of directors and a co-chair for the Hospice Home capital campaign.

The property for the new free-standing facility, conveniently located for HNI’s surrounding six-county service area, was made available to the hospice agency from the Pepper family of Barrington. In addition, the Peppers became the lead donors in the capital campaign with their \$3 million contribution. In recognition of this generosity, the new building will be called the Pepper Family Hospice Home and Center for Care.

Other lead donors include Barrington residents James and Patricia Lancaster and Freddie Smith Pederson and North Barrington residents Vincent and Patricia Foglia.

Working with a nationally recognized architect, who specializes in the design of hospice buildings, the interior plan has been created and refined thanks to the diligent efforts and input from all members of the Hospice staff.

HNI also operates an inpatient unit (IPU), a seven-room facility located in Woodstock within the Centegra Memorial Medical Center’s South Street Campus. The new facility in Barrington will differ from the Woodstock IPU since it is not affiliated with or located within an established hospital, which has allowed HNI staff to design and create an environment of care that is unique and mirrors the Hospice philosophy, mission and values. Aesthetically, the facility will be located in a wooded, retreat-like setting which will include healing gardens, walking paths and communal space for quiet and social time.

Celebrating its 26th year of service, Hospice of Northeastern Illinois provides comprehensive end-of-life care to nearly 1,300 patient families each year. Hospice of

Northeastern Illinois is Medicare certified and accredited by the Joint Commission. For information, visit its web site at www.HospiceAnswers.org.