

## **Letter of Commitment**

Our Commitment to Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic

We, the undersigned members of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), commit to caring for patients and families in need as we face the worst public health crisis in over a century.

Suffering patients impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) rely on the interdisciplinary, personcentered care that the community-based hospice and palliative community provides. The hospice philosophy of care focuses on caring for the whole person by addressing physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, and is provided by an interdisciplinary team comprised of physicians, nurses, social workers, home health aides, chaplains, bereavement professionals, volunteers, and allied therapists. As more hospitals reach maximum capacity, patients continue to be discharged back into the community and the demand for symptom management and emotional and spiritual support grows. We will continue to treat patients ensuring that patients do not die alone, and in some cases saving lives, and we are prepared for the thousands more Americans who will seek care in hospice inpatient units and in their homes as many states experience their peaks in the coming weeks as projected by the Centers for Disease Control.<sup>1</sup>

As COVID-19 claims the lives of Americans leaving family members and loved ones to struggle with the often sudden and traumatic loss, it should be remembered that hospice providers often serve as important community bereavement resource centers. Many hospices open their bereavement support services to those in the community beyond the customary family caregivers of the patients they have served. Providers have a history of offering support to communities following natural disasters, mass casualty events, other public health tragedies. Hospice bereavement professionals are called upon to help individuals and communities cope with the loss and grief that is now a part of our nation's experience from the COVID-19 pandemic.

With our commitment to serve these patients impacted by COVID-19 comes our commitment to keep our patients, family caregivers, and staff members safe. Like the rest of the health care system coping with the COVID-19 pandemic, our provider community is facing several challenges including a dire shortage of resources, like personal protective equipment, testing supplies, and staffing. But, in the face of this challenge, we continue to care for patients by finding creative solutions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sun, Lena H. "CDC director warns second wave of coronavirus is likely to be even more devastating." WashingtonPost.com. 21 April 2020.



It is unknown how many lives will be impacted by COVID-19 or how long the virus will continue to cause major disruptions around the world. The hospice and palliative care community has faced similar unknowns in the past with the HIV/AIDS epidemic. We did not shy away – we cared for the patients who needed us at that time, and we did so with honor and respect.

In the face of uncertainty and the many unknowns, we stand ready to serve and deliver the high-quality person-centered care our patients and families receive every day, to make the safety of our team members a priority, and to remember the sanctity of every individual we care for during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Respectfully,

**A-One Hospice Providers, Inc.** 

Chino, CA

Three Oaks Hospice, Inc.

Dallas, TX

Coastal Hospice, Inc.

Salisbury, MD

**StateServ-Hospicelink** 

Birmingham, AL

**GHPCO** 

Stockbridge, GA

San Gabriel Hospice

Glendora, CA

**Ardent Hospice** 

Flower Mound, TX

**Chattahoochee Hospice** 

Valley, AL

Pathway Hospice, LLC

Greenville, SC

**Brighton Hospice** 

Minneapolis, MN

**Peterson Regional Medical Center** 

Kerrville, TX

**Teleios Collaborative Network** 

Flat Rock, NC

**Hospice of the Big Country** 

Abilene, TX

**Hospice of Wichita Falls** 

Wichita Falls, TX

**Reliance Hospice and Palliative Care** 

Torrance, CA

**Hospice of the Calumet Area** 

Munster, IN

**Montgomery Hospice** 

Rockville, MD

**Continuum Care Hospice** 

Parma, OH

**Aurora at Home Hospice** 

Wauwatosa, WI

Family Comfort Hospice & Palliative

Care

Scottsdale, AZ



**Hospice of Anchorage** 

Anchorage, AK

**AseraCare Hospice (national provider)** 

Dallas, TX

**Guthrie Hospice** 

Towanda, PA

**Quality Hospice Care, Inc.** 

Philadelphia, MS

Hospice of the Miami Valley

Xenia, OH

Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc.

Belleville, IL

**Skirball Hospice** 

Encino, CA

**Southern Grace Hospice and Palliative** 

Care

McDonough, GA

**Elara Caring (national provider)** 

Addison, TX

**Soulistic Hospice** 

Tucson, AZ

Michigan HomeCare & Hospice

**Association** 

Okemos, MI

Kentucky Association of Hospice and

**Palliative Care** 

Frankfort, KY

**VAHPC** 

Richmond, VA

Oswego County Health Department

Hospice

Oswego, NY

Saint Paul Elder Services Inc

Kaukauna, WI

**HealthPartners Hospice & Palliative Care** 

Bloomington, MN

**CRVNA** 

Concord, NH

**Hospice of Hope Ohio Valley** 

Mount Orab, OH

**Jefferson Health Home Care and Hospice** 

Warminster, PA

**Seasons Hospice** 

Rochester, MN

**Life Touch Hospice** 

El Dorado, AR

Palladium Hospice and Palliative Care

Greenville, SC

Hospice of the Chesapeake

Pasadena, MD

**Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care** 

(national provider)

Rosemont, IL

Calumet County HHC & Hospice Agency

Chilton, WI

Roper St. Francis Healthcare dba Roper

Hospice

Charleston, SC

Care Plus Hospice, Inc.

Laguna Hills, CA



**Hawaii Care Choices** 

Hilo, HI

**Hospice of Lubbock** 

Lubbock, TX

**Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte** 

Region

Charlotte, NC

**Hospice of the East Bay** 

Pleasant Hill, CA

**Heart of Hospice (national provider)** 

Charleston, SC

**Haven Hospice** 

Edison, NJ

**Kindred at Home Hospice (national** 

provider)

Mooresville, NC

**Hospice of Montezuma** 

Cortez, CO

**HPCANYS** 

Albany, NY

**Bella Care Hospice** 

Columbus, OH

Goodwin House Palliative Care and

Hospice

Falls Church, VA

**Hospice of Santa Cruz County** 

Santa Cruz, CA

**Prime Care Hospice** 

Longview, TX

**Infinity Hospice Care (national provider)** 

Las Vegas, NV

Circle of Life

Springdale, AR

Heart of Gold Hospice, Inc.

Chino, CA

**Bristol Hospice (national provider)** 

Salt Lake City, UT

**FHN Hospice** 

Freeport, IL

**Hospice of the North Country** 

Plattsburgh, NY

**Clearpath Hospice** 

Wichita, KS

**Bethany Hospice Services of Western** 

Pennsylvania LLC

Pittsburgh, PA

**Horizon Hospice & Palliative Care** 

Spokane, WA

**Hospice & Palliative Care Federation of** 

Massachusetts

Wrentham, MA

**Ouachita County Medical Center Hospice** 

Camden, AR

**Good Shepherd Homecare and Hospice** 

Manhattan, KS

**U.P. Home Health & Hospice** 

Marquette, MI

Advance Hospice Services, Inc.

Ontario, CA

Association for Home & Hospice Care of

**North Carolina** 

Raleigh, NC



**Compassus (national provider)** 

Brentwood, TN

**Hospice and Palliative Care Association** 

of Iowa

Des Moines, IA

**Caring Hospice** 

Fort Washington, PA

**Hospice Council of West Virginia** 

Charleston, WV

Columbus Hospice of Georgia &

Alabama

Columbus, GA

**Mother Teresa Hospice** 

Monaca, PA

**Assisted Hospice and Palliative Care** 

Thousand Oaks, CA

**Hospice of Southern Maine** 

Scarborough, ME

Hospice in the Pines, Inc.

Lufkin, TX

MaineHealth Care at Home

Saco, ME

Beth Israel Lahey Health at Home

Beverly, MA

**Anew Hospice** 

Indianapolis, IN

Community Hospice, Inc.

Modesto, CA

**Hospice of Midland** 

Midland, TX

**Hospice and Healthcare Communications** 

Naples, FL

Hospice of the Valley, Inc.

Decatur, AL

**Homecare & Hospice Association of Utah** 

North Salt Lake, UT

**Hospice of Redmond** 

Redmond, OR

Mercyhealth at Home Hospice

Rockford, IL

University of Chicago/Ingalls Home Care

Harvey, IL

**Hospice of Havasu** 

Lake Havasu City, AZ

**Interim Healthcare Hospice and Palliative** 

Care (national provider)

Colorado Springs, CO

**Home Care and Hospice Association of** 

**New Jersey** 

Cranford, NJ

Pennsylvania Hospice and Palliative Care

Network

Hershey, PA

**Interim Gift of Hospice** 

San Diego, CA

Valor HospiceCare

Tucson, AZ

**Delta Care Rx** 

Pittsburgh, PA

**Hospice of the Calumet Area** 

Munster, IN



**Crown Hospice Inc** 

Cape Girardeau, MO

**BAYADA Home Health Care (national** 

provider)

Moorestown, NJ

Mountain Hospice, Inc.

Belington, WV

Ohio Living Home Health and Hospice-

**Greater Akron** 

Fairlawn, OH

CareBridge Primary and Palliative Care

Cincinnati, OH

**Hospice of Southwest Ohio** 

Cincinnati, OH

**Central Coast VNA** 

Monterey, CA

**Southeast Hospice Network** 

Jasper, AL

**Hospice of Jefferson County** 

Watertown, NY

**Inspire Hospice, LLC** 

Overland Park, KS

**Caring Hospice Services of NY** 

Brooklyn, NY

**Hinds Hospice** 

Fresno, CA

**Lumina Hospice and Palliative Care** 

Corvallis, OR

AvaCare, Inc.

Greensboro, NC

**Crater Community Hospice** 

Petersburg, VA

**Baptist Hospice** 

Montgomery, AL

Hospice of the Prairie & Prairie Home

Health

Dodge City, KS

**Hospice & Palliative Care Association of** 

Arkansas

Little Rock, AR

**Center for Hope Hospice & Palliative** 

Care

Scotch Plains, NJ

St. Mary's Hospice Services, Inc.

Fresno, CA

**Chaplaincy Health Care** 

Richland, WA

Faith Hospice of the Ozarks

Rogersville, MO

**Hospice of Spokane** 

Spokane, WA

**Lutheran Hospice** 

Mt. Pleasant, SC

**Hospice of the Ozarks** 

Mountain Home, AR

Winneshiek Medical Center Hospice

Decorah, IA

**Oregon Hospice & Palliative Care** 

Association

Marylhurst, OR



Washington State Hospice & Palliative

**Care Organization** 

Camas, WA

**Partners In Home Care** 

Missoula, MT

**Anchor of Hope Hospice** 

Plano, TX

Wren Hospice

Greer, SC

Hospice of Eastern Idaho, Inc

Idaho Falls, ID

**Help for Health Hospice** 

Riverton, WY

**Compass Regional Hospice** 

Centreville, MD

**Heart to Heart Hospice (national** 

provider)

Plano, TX

**Treasure Valley Hospice** 

Nampa, ID

**Best Home Health & Hospice** 

Evanston, WY

**Arizona Hospice & Palliative Care** 

Organization

Tempe, AZ

Willamette Valley Hospice & Palliative

Care

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Salem, OR

**Essence of Life Hospice** 

Amana, IA

Missouri Hospice & Palliative Care

Association

Jefferson City, MO

Lutheran Seniorlife, VNA, Western PA

**Hospice and Palliative Care** 

Butler, PA

Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties,

Inc.

Newburgh, NY

Lehigh Valley Hospice

Allentown, PA

**CHI Health at Home** 

Omaha, NE

Hospice and Homecare of Juneau

Juneau, AK

**ABC Hospice Inc.** 

Rainsville, AL

**Acclivity Health Solutions, Inc.** 

Jacksonville, FL

Lavender Hospice, LLC

Phoenix, AZ

**Tidewell Hospice** 

Sarasota, FL

Calvert Hospice, Inc.

Prince Frederick, MD

**Care Dimensions** 

Danvers, MA

**OnePoint Patient Care** 

Tempe, AZ

Kantime, dba Kanrad Technologies, Inc.

San Jose, CA



Aberdeen Place Hospice, Inc.

Roswell, GA

**All Care Hospice** 

Lynn, MA

**West River Hospice** 

Needham, MA

Home Care, Hospice & Palliative Care

Alliance of NH

Concord, NH

**LightBridge Hospice and Palliative Care** 

San Diego, CA

**Optage Hospice** 

Roseville, MN

**RC Hospice** 

Rancho Cordova, CA

**Hospice Care Team** 

Texas City, TX

**Ohio Council for Home Care & Hospice** 

Columbus, OH

**Composing Life Out of Loss** 

Prospect, KY

**Banner Hospice** 

Gilbert, AZ

**Hospice of Lansing** 

Lansing, MI

**Hospice of Humboldt** 

Eureka, CA

**Hospice of Northwest Ohio** 

Perrysburg, OH

**Amity Hospice** 

Dallas, TX

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**Henry Ford Hospice** 

Detroit, MI

**Phoebe Hospice** 

Albany, GA

**Transitions LifeCare** 

Raleigh, NC

**Parentis Health** 

Laguna Hills, CA

Hospice of Morrow County, Inc.

Mount Gilead, OH

Journeys Hospice Inc.

Nampa, ID

**Treasure Coast Hospice** 

Stuart, FL

Arkansas Hospice, Inc.

North Little Rock, AR

**Hospice Care Options** 

Macon, GA

**Hudson Valley Hospice** 

Poughkeepsie, NY

**Heart 'n Home Hospice** 

Fruitland, ID

**Mountain Valley Hospice** 

Gloversville, NY

**Rainbow Hospice Care** 

Jefferson, WI

**Three Oaks Hospice** 

Dallas, TX

**Tidelands Community Hospice** 

Georegetown, SC



**Hospice of Washington County** 

Washington, IA

**Hospice of Evangelical** 

Lewisburg, PA

**Bridges Hospice** 

Trafford, PA

First Choice Home Health, Hospice &

House Calls

Boise, ID

**Hinds Hospice** 

Fresno, CA

**Partners In Care Hospice** 

Auburn, CA

**Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Foundation** 

Scottsdale, AZ

**GHC Hospice** 

Jesup, GA

**Alive Hospice** 

Nashville, TN

**Holy Family Hospice** 

Parma, OH

**Ohio Living Hospice of Greater Toledo** 

Toledo, OH

**Hospice and Palliative Care of North** 

**Ottawa Community** 

Spring Lake, MI

**Central Wyoming Hospice & Transitions** 

Casper, WY

**Texas Non Profit Hospice Alliance** 

Austin, TX

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Saint Francis Health System

Tulsa, OK

**Pennyroyal Hospice** 

Hopkinsville, KY

**BID Plymouth Cranberry Hospice** 

Plymouth, MA

**Lumicare Hospice** 

Kansas City, MO

**Ardent Hospice** 

Flower Mound, TX

Northland Hospice & Palliative Care

Flagstaff, AZ

St. Croix Hospice, LLC

Oakdale, MN

**UPMC Family Hospice** 

Pittsburgh, PA

HomeCare of Mid Missouri Hospice

Moberly, MO

Guardian Angel Hospice, Inc.

Kokomo, IN

West Texas Rehabilitation Center's

Hospice of San Angelo

San Angelo, TX

Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care

Meriden, CT

**Trellis Supportive Care** 

Winston-Salem, NC

Hospice of Kankakee Valley

Bourbonnais, IL

**TX & NM Hospice Organization** 

Austin, TX



**Bluegrass Care Navigators** 

Lexington, KY

**Horizon Hospice and Palliative Care** 

Spokane, WA

**Monarch Hospice** 

Lower Burrell, PA

Friends of Caroline Hospice

Port Royal, SC

Allina Health Hospice and Palliative Care

St. Paul, MN

**Family Centered Hospice** 

Addison, IL

**UR Medicine Home Care/Hospice** 

Webster, NY

**Our Hospice of South Central Indiana** 

Columbus, IN

**Allied Services Hospice and Palliative** 

**Programs** 

Clarks Summit, PA

**Northern Illinois Hospice** 

Rockford, IL

**Hospice of Davidson County** 

Lexington, NC

Solaris Hospice, Inc

Decatur, TX

Hospice of Stanly County, Inc.

Albemarle, NC

Hospice of Kona

Kailua Kona, HI

Casa de la Luz

Tucson, AZ

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**Brookings Hospital Hospice** 

Brookings, SD

**Serenity Hospice and Home** 

Oregon, IL

**Carris Health-Rice Hospice** 

Willmar, MN

**VNA at HCS** 

Keene, NH

**Hospice Care Network** 

Woodbury, NY

Hospice of the Panhandle

Kearneysville, WV

**Angels Grace Hospice, LLC** 

Bolingbrook, IL

Malama Ola Health Services

Honolulu, HI

**Cross Timbers Hospice, Inc.** 

Ardmore, OK

**Russell-Murray Hospice** 

El Reno, OK

Holyoke VNA, Hospice Life Care

Holyoke, MA

**Caring Circle** 

St. Joseph, MI

Hospice of Huntington, Inc.

Huntington, WV

The Carolinas Center for Hospice and

End of Life Care

Columbia, SC

**TRU Community Care** 

Lafayette, CO



**Main Line Health Hospice** 

Radnor, PA

St. Barnabas Hospice

Gibsonia, PA

The Hospice of East Texas

Tyler, TX

**Heartland Home Health & Hospice** 

(national provider)

Toledo, OH

Heritage Hospice, Inc.

Evansville, IN

**Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice** 

Newton, NJ

**Joliet Area Community Hospice** 

Joliet, IL

**Center for Hospice Care** 

Mishawaka, IN

**Cedar Valley Hospice** 

Waterloo, IA

**Hospice Cleveland County** 

Shelby, NC

Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital Hospice

St. Louis Park, MN

**Envision Home Health & Hospice** 

Salt Lake City, UT

**Hospice & Palliative Care of the** 

**Piedmont** 

Greenwood, SC

SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care &

Hospice

Chambersburg, PA

**High Peaks Hospice** 

Glens Falls, NY

At Heart Home Care and Hospice

Virginia Beach, VA

VITAS Healthcare (national provider)

Cincinnati, OH

VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region

Rutland, VT

**LeRoyer Hospice** 

Antigo, WI

Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.

Medford, WI

Visiting Nurse Association of Greater St.

Louis

St. Louis, MO

Caris Healthcare (national provider)

Knoxville, TN

**Axxess** 

Dallas, TX

**ANX Hospice** 

Daly City, CA

**Holy Family Memorial Hospice** 

Manitowoc, WI

**VNA Valley Care, Inc.** 

Simsbury, CT

uni care hospice

Escondido, CA

**Hospice of Douglas County** 

Alexandria, MN



Florida Hospice & Palliative Care

**Association** 

Tallahassee, FL

Fairview Range Home Care and Hospice

Hibbing, MN

Illinois Hospice & Palliative Care

Organization

Winnetka, IL

**Hospice & Palliative Care Network of** 

Maryland

Hunt Valley, MD

Freudenthal Hospice

Saint Joseph, MO

**Arcturus Hospice and Palliative Care** 

Peachtree Corners, GA

Lakeside Hospice, Inc

Pell City, AL

**HeartsWay Hospice of NE Texas** 

Longview, TX

LB Hospice

Fergus Falls, MN

**Empath Health** 

Clearwater, FL

**Hospice of North Idaho** 

Coeur d' Alene, ID

**Hospice of Jackson County** 

Maquoketa, IA

Carroll Hospice, Inc

Westminster, MD

Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice

Wichita, KS

Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley

Potsdam, NY

**Carilion Clinic Hospice New River Valley** 

Radford, VA

**Hospice of Salina** 

Salina, KS

**Hospice of the West** 

Phoenix, AZ

**Baptist Health Hospice** 

Little Rock, AR

**Hospice & Palliative Care Buffalo** 

Buffalo, NY

**Cascade Health Hospice** 

Eugene, OR

**Hospice of the Piedmont** 

High Point, NC

**Intrepid USA (national provider)** 

Carrollton, TX

**Kindred at Home (national provider)** 

Atlanta, GA

**BSA Hospice of the Southwest** 

Amarillo, TX

**Shepherd's Cove** 

Albertville, AL

**Integrity Hospice** 

Dublin, GA

**Hospice Community Care** 

Glen Allen, VA

**SOMC Hospice & Palliative Care** 

Portsmouth, OH



**Kindful Hospice** 

Ada, OK

**Reliable Hospice** 

Anaheim, CA

**Hope Healthcare** 

Ft. Myers, FL

The Elizabeth Hospice

Escondido, CA

LHC Group, Inc. (national provider)

Lafayette, LA

CareFirst

Painted Post, NY

**Visiting Nurse Association of Texas** 

Dallas, TX

**All Caring Hospice** 

Canfield, OH

**Alliance Hospice** 

Martinez, GA

**Essentia Health Hospice and Palliative** 

**Care (national provider)** 

Duluth, MN

**Grace Hospice** 

Minneapolis, MN

**Shanti Hospice** 

Chandler, AZ

**Chautauqua Hospice and Palliative Care** 

Lakewood, NY

**Hospice of West Tennessee** 

Jackson, TN

**Hospice & Community Care** 

Lancaster, PA

Hospice Services and Palliative Care of

**Northwest Kansas** 

Phillipsburg, KS

**Delaware Hospice, Inc.** 

Newark, DE

**Emmanuel Hospice** 

Grand Rapids, MI

Reliance Hospice Inc.

Palm Desert, CA

**Visiting Nurses Hospice, Inc.** 

Burbank, CA

Saint Alphonsus Home Health and

Hospice

Boise, ID

**Trinity Hospice** 

Worcester, MA

Franey & Associates Consulting, Inc.

Portland, OR

**Grant Memorial Hospice** 

Petersburg, WV

**Hospice of Limestone County** 

Athens, AL

**MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care** 

New York, NY

Sangre de Cristo Hospice & Community

Care

Pueblo, CO

**Heart 'n Home Hospice & Palliative** 

Care, LLC

Fruitland, ID



**American River Hospice Services** 

Sacramento, CA

**Homecare Homebase** 

Dallas, TX

**Smoky Mountain Home Health and** 

Hospice

Newport, TN

FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care

West End, NC

**Hospice of Lenawee** 

Adrian, MI

**Residential Hospice (national provider)** 

Troy, MI

**Hearth Hospice** 

Chattanooga, TN

**Hospice of the Plains** 

Sterling, CO

**South Carolina Home Care & Hospice** 

Association

Raleigh, NC

Wings of Hope Hospice

Allegan, MI

Hospice of the Red River Valley

Fargo, ND

**Illinois Valley Hospice** 

Peru, IL

Hospice of Hope, Inc.

Maysville, KY

Northern Light Home Care & Hospice

South Portland, ME

**United Hospice & Palliative Care of** 

Arizona, LLC

Phoenix, AZ

**Hospice of Health First** 

Melbourne, FL

**Angels Care Hospice** 

Wichita, KS

CT Association for Healthcare at Home

Wallingford, CT

**Hospice of North Central Oklahoma** 

Ponca City, OK