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Hospice of the Piedmont completes accreditation with ACHC

(High Point, NC) – Hospice of the Piedmont has been awarded accreditation status by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC) for its hospice care program. The accreditation is effective for a three-year period until January 31, 2015.

“By voluntarily seeking accreditation through an organization with nationally recognized standards, Hospice of the Piedmont has demonstrated our commitment to providing quality care and services to our community,” commented Leslie Kalinowski, agency president and CEO. “This external review is just one of the ways we show the Triad that we are an excellent health care choice when they need us.”

ACHC, a private, not-for-profit corporation which is certified to ISO 9001:2000 standards, was developed by home care and community-based providers to help organizations improve business operations and quality of patient care.

Referring to the value of accreditation, ACHC President Tom Cesar indicated, “The survey process leads an organization to examine its policies and practices continually to clarify its strengths and improve its weaknesses.”

Accreditation is a voluntary activity where healthcare organizations submit to peer review of their internal policies, processes and patient care delivery against national standards. By attaining accreditation, Hospice of the Piedmont has demonstrated its commitment to maintain a higher level of competency and strive for excellence in its products, services and customer satisfaction.

Hospice of the Piedmont is a not-for-profit organization providing medical, emotional, and spiritual support for those with life-limiting illness and their families since 1981. The agency serves four counties – Guilford, Randolph, Davidson, and Forsyth. For more information on Hospice of the Piedmont, visit www.hospiceofthepiedmont.org.

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