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HPNF ANNOUNCES INAGURAL RECIPIENT of the JUDY LENTZ SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PALLIATIVE CARE IN ONCOLOGY NURSING

PITTSBURGH, PA, MAY 1, 2013—The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation (HPNF) has announced that Megan Kilpatrick, RN, BSN, OCN, CHPN[®] is the recipient of the 2013 Judy Lentz Scholarship for the Advancement of Palliative Care in Oncology Nursing.

The purpose of the **Judy Lentz Scholarship for the Advancement of Palliative Care in Oncology Nursing** is to enhance nursing excellence in palliative care by providing educational opportunities for registered nurses. This scholarship opportunity is offered in the name of Judy Lentz, retired CEO of the Alliance for Excellence in Hospice and Palliative Nursing, comprised of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation, the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association, and the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses, in recognition of her passion and lifelong dedication to oncology nursing and palliative care.

Megan Kilpatrick RN, BSN, OCN, CHPN[®] is a staff RN at MultiCare Regional Cancer Center in Tacoma, WA and a current MSN student at Seattle Pacific University School of Health Sciences Clinical Nurse Specialist Program who attended the 2013 AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly as the first recipient of the HPNF *Judy Lentz Scholarship for the Advancement of Palliative Care in Oncology Nursing*. Megan's clinical research project is titled *RN Attitudes Toward Caring for Dying Patients in the Outpatient Oncology Setting* reflects her commitment to furthering palliative care services and promoting evidence based practice decisions.

About the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation

The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation (HPNF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which supports quality of life in persons experiencing serious illness through enhancing nursing excellence. HPNF cultivates foundation grant opportunities, major donor participation, planned giving, corporate partnerships and conducts other fund raising activities including special events and direct mail appeals in order to secure funding for projects to be delivered by its affiliated organizations, HPNA and NBCHPN[®]. In addition, HPNF creates and confers its own scholarships, grants, and leadership awards thereby advancing, funding and making accessible research and education regarding palliative care to nurses at all levels of the profession. In 2013 HPNF will offer 45 scholarships, grants and awards.

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