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HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE NURSES FOUNDATION (HPNF) ANNOUNCES JUDY LENTZ SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PALLIATIVE CARE IN ONCOLOGY NURSING RECIPIENT

PITTSBURGH, PA January 31, 2014 – **Rona Janel Johnson, RN, BSN, OCN**, of Anchorage, AK, is the recipient of the Judy Lentz Scholarship for the Advancement of Palliative Care in Oncology Nursing. Ms. Johnson will be attending the 2014 AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly in San Diego, CA, per this award.

Ms. Johnson works as the first palliative care nurse and currently the only member of a developing comprehensive palliative care program at the Alaska Native Medical Center. She plans to use the knowledge gained from her attendance at the 2014 AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly to continue building a program and integrating palliative care knowledge state-wide. Her goal is to establish the best quality of patient care, symptom management and end of life experience as defined by the patient.

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 who serve in oncology. This scholarship opportunity, created in 2012, is competitive and provides registration to the 2014 AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly, \$1500 stipend check for travel, room and meals at the Annual Assembly, and a one-year membership or renewal to HPNA.

About the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation

The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation (HPNF) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to support quality of life in persons experiencing serious illness by enhancing nursing excellence. HPNF provides professional development opportunities to HPNA members and NBCHPN® certificants with scholarships for education, conferences and certification along with nursing research grants and leadership awards. HPNF awards approximately 45 grants, awards and scholarships and the Foundation looks forward to continuing to increase this commitment. HPNF depends on the generous spirit of individuals, families, organizations and corporations and raises funds through appeals, giving circles, planned giving, special events, merchandise promotions, and corporate partnerships. Contributions can be made online, by mail, or by telephone where you can be personally assisted. Please visit our website at www.hpnf.org, or call us at 1-412-787-9301 for assistance.

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