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**NBCHPN<sup>®</sup> Announces**  
**2014 CHPPN<sup>®</sup> of the Year Award Recipient**

**PITTSBURGH, PA, MARCH 13, 2014**— The National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN<sup>®</sup>) has announced that **Diane C. Parker, RN, MSN, NE-BC, CHPN<sup>®</sup>, CHPPN<sup>®</sup>**, is the 2014 recipient of the Certified Hospice and Palliative Pediatric Nurse of the Year Award (CHPPN<sup>®</sup>). The honor was presented on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM)/ Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) Annual Assembly in San Diego, California. The CHPPN<sup>®</sup> of the Year Award recognizes the work of a certified hospice and palliative pediatric nurse who personifies excellence in advancing expert care in serious illness.

Ms. Parker, a graduate of Gardner Webb University and the University of South Carolina, is the Chief Nursing Officer of Hospice Care of South Carolina in Gaffney, SC, and the Founder of its Hands of Hope Pediatric Division. An HPNA Approved Educator, she advocated for and supported the education and development of the unique pediatric resource team, the first pediatric dedicated hospice division in the state, now recognized as the only provider with a statewide model providing comprehensive pediatric hospice and palliative care.

In 2009 the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN<sup>®</sup>) initiated the development of a hospice and palliative certification examination for the Pediatric Registered Nurse. The first national administration of the exam was in March 2011, with successful candidates awarded the credential CHPPN<sup>®</sup> (Certified Hospice and Palliative Pediatric Nurse). There are currently over 150 nurses who hold the CHPPN<sup>®</sup> credential.

"We are honored to extend this recognition to Diane Parker, whose recognition of a need and tireless work to provide a solution inspires us all," said **Sally Welsh, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Chief Executive Officer of NBCHPN<sup>®</sup>**. "Her response to the unique needs of children and families experiencing life-limiting illness established a model resource for pediatric care. It is a pleasure to recognize her significant accomplishments. Her leadership and commitment have created a path for others to follow."

**About NBCHPN<sup>®</sup>**

The National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN<sup>®</sup>) is the only organization that offers specialty certification for all levels of the hospice and palliative nursing care team, including administrators and perinatal loss care professionals. Over 18,000 health

professionals hold NBCHPN<sup>®</sup> credentials that establish professional commitment to safe, ethical, and evidence-based care. Preferred as a current measure of continuing competence in the dynamic and evolving health care professional role, NBCHPN<sup>®</sup> certification is valid for four years and can be renewed. Together with the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association and the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation, NBCHPN<sup>®</sup> works to advance expert care in serious illness. To learn more, visit NBCHPN<sup>®</sup> at [www.nbchpn.org](http://www.nbchpn.org), call 412.787.1057, or email [nbchpn@nbchpn.org](mailto:nbchpn@nbchpn.org).

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