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**NBCHPN® Announces
2014 Employer of the Year Award Recipient**

PITTSBURGH, PA, MARCH 13, 2014— The National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN®) has announced **Hospice of Northwest Ohio** as the 2014 recipient of the Employer of the Year Award. 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 award is presented to an organization that has provided sustained support of the NBCHPN® certification programs for hospice and palliative caregivers. The first Employer of the Year Award was presented in 2006.

Hospice of Northwest Ohio, in Perrysburg, OH, provides care and education that transforms the way people view and experience life. Over the past two years they have dramatically increased the percentage of their eligible staff certified in hospice and palliative care by supporting certification financially, providing free access to continuing education, and mandating that supervisors and directors obtain specialty certification.

"Hospice of Northwest Ohio deserves this recognition," said **Sally Welsh, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Chief Executive Officer of NBCHPN®**. "Their laudable support of expert staff who can provide the highest quality end of life care marks their commitment to evidence-based practice, and their patients will clearly benefit from it. NBCHPN® is honored to recognize their dedication and determination."

About NBCHPN®

The National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN®) 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® 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® 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® works to advance expert care in serious illness. To learn more, visit NBCHPN® at www.nbchpn.org, call 412.787.1057, or email nbchpn@nbchpn.org.

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