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NBCHPN[®] ANNOUNCES 2013 CERTIFICANTS OF THE YEAR

PITTSBURGH, PA, APRIL 4, 2013— The National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN[®]) has announced its 2013 Certificants of the Year Awards, which encompasses all six levels of nursing and the administrator. These annual awards recognize the work of all hospice/palliative care professionals from across the country. Each individual selected personifies excellence in hospice/palliative care and has made contributions in hospice/palliative care through clinical practice, education, leadership, or research.

Kathryn Lanz, DNP, ANP, GNP, ACHPN[®], is the 2013 recipient of the **Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse of the Year Award (ACHPN[®])**. Dr. Lanz is currently the Director of Education and Geriatric Services at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Palliative Supportive Institute. Nominated by her peers, Dr. Lanz has initiated groundbreaking work within UPMC to expand palliative and supportive care into long-term care facilities.

Brad Macy, RN CHPN[®], was recognized with the **2013 Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (CHPN[®]) of the Year Award**. Currently, Mr. Macy is a Home Hospice RN III with Kaiser Permanente in the San Francisco area of California. Brad has developed a Rectal Medication Administration Device (RMAD), an innovative system which enables families to administer liquid medications rectally.

Kathleen Emerson, LPN CHPLN[®], was honored with the **2013 Certified Hospice and Palliative Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse of the Year Award (CHPLN[®])**. Ms. Emerson is currently a staff LPN with the Hospice of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio. Kathleen has

pursued a research project which explores the effects of light and color on severely agitated patients at end of life.

Debra Thompson, CHPNA[®], was presented with the **2013 Certified Hospice and Palliative Nursing Assistant of the Year Award (CHPNA[®])**. Ms. Thompson is currently a Palliative Care Coordinator with the VA Butler Health Center in Butler, Pennsylvania. Debra has over 19 years of nursing assistant experience, both in the general community and VA health system, of which the last seven years have been focused.

“NBCHPN[®] is honored to bestow the Certificant of the Year Awards upon these most deserving individuals,” said **Sally Welsh, MSN RN NEA-BC, Chief Executive Officer of NBCHPN[®]**. “Each awardee has truly defined excellence as an NBCHPN[®] certified individual and positively impacted the lives of countless patients and families.

About NBCHPN[®]

Based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN[®]) is celebrating its 20th Anniversary promoting the delivery of comprehensive nursing care to individuals with life limiting individuals through the certification of qualified practitioners. Nearly 18,000 individuals hold certification through NBCHPN[®], the only organization that offers specialty certification for all levels of the hospice and palliative nursing care team and administrators. NBCHPN[®] is part of the Alliance for Excellence in Hospice and Palliative Nursing which includes the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association and the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation. Together, these organizations are working to lead the way in the advancement of the rapidly growing and increasingly important hospice and palliative care nursing specialty. Visit the website at <http://www.nbchpn.org> or email nbchpn@nbchpn.org .

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