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Jonely Receives 2015 HPCC CPLC® Certificant of the Year Award

Jennifer Marie Jonely, the perinatal palliative care and loss coordinator at St. Luke's Health System, was presented the award during the 2015 American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM)/HPNA Annual Assembly in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH (March 3, 2015) – Jennifer Marie Jonely, RN, MSN, RNC-OB, CPLC®, the perinatal palliative care and loss coordinator at St. Luke's Health System, is the recipient of the 15 HPCC CPLC® Certificant of the Year Award, the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center announced today. Jonely was selected for her contributions to end-of-life care.

Jonely received her CPLC® certification in 2013. Having worked in labor and delivery/perinatal care for 38 years, Jonely has gone from "drawing straws" with colleagues in hopes of not having to care for a family with a perinatal loss to being a pioneer in the field. Her thesis topic, "Grief Pathways After Perinatal Loss on the Metaphorical Journey of Loss," is testament to her passion in this area.

After completing her MSN in 2012, Jonely initiated the role of perinatal palliative care and loss coordinator at St. Luke's in Boise, Idaho, the first palliative care program with a perinatal focus in the state. In addition to starting this unique program, Jonely's pioneering spirit is evidenced in grant funding she received to procure devices to record an unborn baby's heartbeat. She has teamed with Build-a-Bear to place the actual recorded heartbeat into a stuffed animal, encouraging the development of a relationship with a family member whom they may never see alive and providing comfort for years to come after the loss.

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