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Hospice of St. Francis Awarded Prestigious CHAP Accreditation

(Brevard County, FL) — [April 8, 2019] — Community Health Accreditation Partner, Inc., (CHAP) recently announced that Hospice of St. Francis has been awarded CHAP Accreditation under the CHAP Hospice Standards of Excellence.

CHAP Accreditation demonstrates that Hospice of St. Francis meets the industry's highest nationally recognized standards. The rigorous evaluation by CHAP focuses on structure and function, quality of services and products, human and financial resources and long term viability. Simply stated, adherence to CHAP's standards leads to better quality care. "By achieving CHAP Accreditation, Hospice of St. Francis has shown a commitment to excellence," said Karen Collishaw, CHAP President and CEO. Hospice of St. Francis first achieved CHAP Accreditation in 2013, and we are excited to continue our partnership by offering support in its commitment to providing quality care and continuous improvement."

Hospice of St. Francis is Brevard County's longest-serving, and only independent, non-profit hospice and palliative care resource. It was founded 42 years ago to provide extraordinary care for patients and families to help them deal with the greatest medical, emotional and spiritual challenges of their lives. Today, Hospice of St. Francis offers a full continuum of service to our entire county, including bereavement support for families, and special care for grieving children through its North Star program.

"Hospice of St. Francis cares for patients in their residences, wherever they call home. Our staff, board and volunteers work with dedication, compassion and great respect for those we serve. Our mission statement best describes what we do each day: *Uplifting Lives. Uplifting Each Other. Uplifting Our Community.* I would like to thank our staff for their commitment to this mission and to quality care which brings about many good things including continuing to achieve CHAP accredited status. We consider it a privilege to be entrusted with the care of our patients," said Joseph Killian, President and CEO of Hospice of St. Francis.

CHAP is an independent, not-for-profit, accrediting body for community-based health care organizations. Created in 1965, CHAP was the first to recognize the need and value for accreditation in community-based care. CHAP is the oldest national, community-based accrediting body with more than 9,000 agencies currently accredited nationwide. Through "deeming authority" granted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CHAP has the regulatory authority to survey agencies providing home health, hospice and home medical equipment services, to determine if they meet the

Medicare Conditions of Participation and CMS Quality Standards. CHAP's purpose is to define and advance the highest standards of community-based care.

For more information about the CHAP Accreditation process, please visit the CHAP website at www.chapinc.org. For additional information on CHAP, please contact Nathan Constable, Senior Manager, Communications and Industry Affairs, at 202.467.1716, or nconstable@chapinc.org. For additional information, contact Julie Grantham, Director of Communications at 321-412-2408.

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