



WE HONOR VETERANS

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### Hospice of St. Francis Achieves Top Partnership Level in We Honor Veterans Program

(Brevard County, FL) (April 15, 2019) Hospice of St Francis has achieved recognition as a Level 4 Partner in the We Honor Veterans Program. This milestone indicates the highest level of partnership in the nationwide program committed to serving the unique needs of veterans and their families.

We Honor Veterans is a campaign to help improve the care Veterans receive from hospice and palliative care providers. The program is a collaboration of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

By recognizing the unique needs of our nation's Veterans who are facing a life-limiting illness, hospice and palliative care providers will be able to accompany and guide America's Veterans and their families toward a more peaceful ending. And in cases where there might be some specific needs related to the Veteran's military service, combat experience or other traumatic events the partnership provides Hospice of St. Francis with tools to help support those they are caring for. The resources of We Honor Veterans focus on *respectful inquiry, compassionate listening, and grateful acknowledgment*, coupled with Veteran-centric education of staff caring for Veterans.

"Hospice of St. Francis serves all of Brevard County, an area many military veterans have chosen to call home. We are very grateful to these service men and women who proudly and bravely served our country. Our staff and volunteers are extremely proud to offer appreciation and recognition to our Veteran patients through our participation in the We Honor Veterans program. As we honor our Veteran patients in this way, we learn so much about the strength of the human spirit and witness the sharing of memories telling of shining examples of heroic patriotism. Our staff and volunteers are truly inspired as they work to uplift the lives our Veteran patients. As we thank them for their service, we become acutely aware of how much their sacrifices and service mean to each of us and our country," said Joe Killian, President and CEO of Hospice of St. Francis.

**Hospice of St. Francis** is Brevard'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 the North Star Program for Grieving Children. Hospice of St. Francis cares for patients in their residences, wherever they call home. Its staff and volunteers work with dedication, compassion and great respect for those they serve guided by the mission statement: *Uplifting Lives. Uplifting Each Other. Uplifting Our Community.* Learn more at [www.HospiceOfStFrancis.com](http://www.HospiceOfStFrancis.com) and follow us on Facebook.

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