



primary goal is keeping our patients comfortable and in a place where they feel safe, without passing judgment.”

A hospice social worker for 2-1/2 years, Grindle’s counseling experience includes marriage and family, substance abuse and mental health services. “It’s so rewarding to be a part of a patient’s journey,” she says. “What draws me in at this stage of life is seeing the real person. The mask is gone. Our patients are just being themselves. They tell us how much they love and appreciate us and show it with their hugs, smiles and tears. It’s a beautiful time, a wonderful experience, a privilege and an honor.”

*March is National Social Work Month. Haven Hospice thanks all of our social workers for being a positive difference for patients and their families.*

**About Haven Hospice**

Haven Hospice is North Florida’s expert in end-of-life and palliative care and is one of three 2008 Circle of Life Award® winners nationwide to be recognized as leaders in improving the care of patients near the end of life or with life-threatening conditions. Haven Hospice has also been recognized as a Florida Pacesetter for its leadership in promoting living wills. Haven Hospice has served more than 50,000 patients and families since 1979 and has been licensed in Florida as a not-for-profit hospice since 1980. For more information, visit [www.havenhospice.org](http://www.havenhospice.org), or call 800.727.1889.

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