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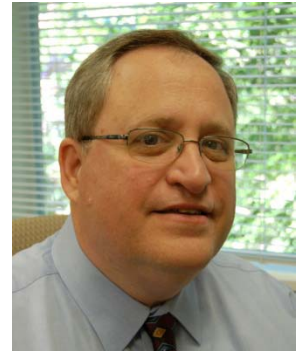
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Haven Hospice welcomes associate director of development

(GAINESVILLE)— Haven Hospice is pleased to welcome Bill Lapole as associate director of development.

He comes to Haven from the Salvation Army, where he was director of planned giving for 19 years and director of resource development for 11 years. A graduate of Marshall University with a degree in music education, he started his career as a music teacher, taught economics and American history, and also coached basketball. “I’ve always enjoyed teaching and helping people,” he said.



As Haven’s development officer, Lapole’s focus will be on matching donors with the programs and services they are most interested in supporting. “A lot of people recognize the name Haven Hospice but don’t always know what we do and how they can help us serve the community,” he said. “They may not be aware that we serve patients without regard for their ability to pay, and provide many unreimbursed services, such as our tremendous grief counseling program, at no charge to families.”

Lapole specializes in planned giving, particularly finding information that may be helpful to both current and existing donors. “Our donors can help themselves and their favorite charity by taking advantage of the federal government’s very favorable tax treatment for gifts of stock, unencumbered real estate, and closely-held corporations,” he added. “Haven is committed to providing compassionate and comprehensive care not only for our patients, but for our donors, by helping them to earn income and tax benefits through deferred gifts.”

A native of Huntingdon, W.Va., Lapole said he appreciates the opportunity recognize and respond to a need. When his mother had hospice care, her nurse took time to find out what he needed and ask how she could help. “It meant so much to me that she cared,” he added. “I will never forget her.”

For information about giving to Haven, visit www.havenhospice.org, or call 1-800-727-1889.

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 45,000 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 or call 800-727-1889.

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