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### **Haven Hospice announces name for new care center in Orange Park**

(ORANGE PARK, Fla.) – Haven Hospice is pleased to announce the new hospice inpatient care center that will serve Orange Park and Clay County will be named *The Homer J. Sr. & Fern O. Custead Care Center*.

The Custead family, with long-standing ties to the Clay County area, made a significant naming gift to Haven. The generosity of the Custead family will help Haven offset the costs for this much-needed community asset and further serve the needs of patients and families in Orange Park and Clay County.

“This care center will serve as a legacy to Mr. and Mrs. Custead’s concern and compassion for this community,” said Michael Morse, vice president of organizational advancement at Haven.

“My father moved to the area 65 years ago and worked hard to make a living and provide for our family,” said Richard Custead, the donor’s son. “My mother thought this would be a wonderful way to honor her husband in the community he loved.”

Haven was recently awarded a Certificate of Need (CON) by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to build an 18-bed inpatient hospice facility in Clay County. The facility will allow Haven to better serve and care for residents of Clay, along with residents of the surrounding counties of Duval, Baker, Nassau and St. Johns.

“Haven is committed to the Orange Park and Clay County community,” said Tim Bowen, president of Haven Hospice. “The gift from the Custead family will allow Haven to better provide care for patients and families in the Orange Park and Clay County area.”

The new care center site provides almost 9 acres of land on the east side of Blanding Boulevard opposite the Fox Ridge Road intersection. Haven plans allow 90 percent of the beautiful trees on the property to be preserved, creating an ideal setting for the new state-of-the-art inpatient care center.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new care center will take place on Friday, September 9.

**About Haven Hospice**

Haven Hospice is North Florida's expert in end-of-life and palliative care, receiving national recognition as a Circle of Life Award® recipient from the American Hospital Association for its excellence and innovation in end-of-life and palliative care. Haven Hospice has also been recognized as a Florida Pacesetter for its leadership in promoting advance directives. Haven Hospice has had the honor and privilege to serve 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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