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Haven Hospice Receives Certificate of Need to Build 18-Bed Hospice Inpatient Care Center in Clay County

New Hospice Facility to Provide Greater Care for Patients in Clay, Duval, Baker, Nassau and St. Johns Counties

August 26, 2010 – (JACKSONVILLE)—Haven Hospice announced today it has been 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 CON enables Haven Hospice to better serve and care for residents of Clay, along with residents of the surrounding counties of Duval, Baker, Nassau and St. Johns.

“Over the past decade, we have been committed to caring for patients and their families in and around Clay County and are grateful for the opportunity to expand our services,” said Tim Bowen, president of Haven Hospice. “At Haven, we believe that everyone deserves compassion, care and comfort, especially during life’s final journey, and we’re thankful that AHCA recognized the need for an inpatient hospice care center to be located in Clay County.”

The CON approval for Haven to build a new care center marks the beginning of a new era in health care services available for Clay County residents. In the CON application, Haven Hospice received more than 100 letters of support for the project from community leaders, administrators of Clay County area hospitals and other health care facilities, local physicians, nurses, and agencies that serve the elderly.

Haven Hospice’s inpatient hospice care center will offer “a home away from home” when a patient requires specialized care or when a caregiver needs the option of temporary relief through respite care.

“The award of a CON for Haven Hospice is a remarkable achievement for this community because it recognizes the growing health care needs of the area and helps ensure all patients receive the very best care and compassion,” Bowen said. “We are incredibly appreciative of the outpouring of support we received from residents of Clay County.”

About Haven Hospice

Haven Hospice is North Florida’s expert in end-of-life and palliative care and has been recognized as a national Circle of Life Award® winner for leadership 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 advance directives. 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. The organization is home to offices in Chiefland, DeLand, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Lake City, Palatka and St. Augustine, covering 18 counties and more than 13,000 square miles. For more information, visit www.havenhospice.org or call 800-727-1889.

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