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## Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation partners with University of North Texas

**Plano, TX** – The Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation, a 501(c) (3) non-profit public charity that provides financial support for patients nearing end of life, their families, and the greater community through various charitable programs, has partnered with the University of North Texas to provide educational opportunities in the fields of gerontology and end-of-life care.

In keeping with its mission of improving quality of life for geriatric patients and those nearing end of life, the Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation has endowed a \$25,000 scholarship for a University of North Texas undergraduate student studying gerontology or end-of-life care. The organization will also provide financial support for two end-of-life care community education programs offered through UNT's College of Public Affairs & Community Service, and five professional internships with aging-related government, non-profit or private organizations.

"The Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation is proud to support the University of North Texas and provide opportunities for tomorrow's leaders in the field of gerontology," said Kelly Mitchell, Founder and President of Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation. "UNT has long been a leading institution of higher education in gerontology studies. We have hired many graduates of UNT and they have all been great leaders in their fields. We look forward to the opportunity to support the leaders of tomorrow."

This partnership with UNT is a continuation of Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation's abundant benevolence to the community. In 2015, the Foundation provided 80 grants to patients or their families totaling more than \$72,000. The Foundation recently endowed a \$25,000 undergraduate palliative studies scholarship at Madonna University in Livonia, MI, plus an annual, renewable scholarship for a Masters or PhD student. The Foundation will also partner with the University of Southern California for multicultural palliative care research to develop an evidence-based series of palliative care resources. This year, the Foundation is poised to provide nearly \$250,000 in scholarships; Alzheimer's, veteran and cancer support; ongoing patient and family need grants; and end of life education to the community.

### **About The Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation**

Funded primarily through generous donations from families and friends of Heart to Heart Hospice patients, the Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non-profit public charity that provides financial support for patients nearing end-of-life, their families and the greater community through various charitable programs. Each program includes financial support for critical unmet needs as well as much-needed education for the under-utilized and often misinterpreted field of hospice and palliative care.

Services provided include patient and family need grants; community and caregiver education and scholarships in hospice, palliative care and gerontology; financial support as well as legal services, transportation, legacy programs and educational grants for veteran organizations; and grants and other financial support for Alzheimer's patients, their families and caregivers, and health care professionals.

### **About Heart to Heart Hospice**

Heart to Heart Hospice, founded in 2003, is one of the largest private providers of hospice care in the United States. Headquartered in Plano, TX, Heart to Heart Hospice provides a broad range of palliative and support care services to patients with life-limiting illnesses across 26 locations throughout Texas, Michigan and Indiana. Services provided include nursing care; physician services; counseling and social worker services; homemaker services; physical, occupational and speech therapy; spiritual counseling and bereavement; and medication for symptom and pain control. At Heart to Heart, we understand the emotional and physical challenges associated with life-limiting illness for both the patient and their loved ones. Our care team is committed to providing patients with what they need most: freedom from pain, emotional and spiritual support, and the ability to control the direction of their care. To learn more about Heart to Heart Hospice, please visit us at [www.hearttohearthospice.com](http://www.hearttohearthospice.com).

### **About the University of North Texas**

Established in 1890, the University of North Texas is one of the nation's largest public universities, with 37,000 students. UNT is a major public research university deeply committed to advancing educational excellence and preparing students to become thoughtful, engaged citizens of the world. UNT offers 99 bachelor, 83 master and 36 doctoral degree programs. By providing access, welcoming diversity and strengthening collaborations with educational, business and community partners, as well as building new partnerships across the globe, UNT's faculty and staff work each day to prepare students for the challenges they will meet in our changing world.

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