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Good Samaritan Foundation Recognizes Hospice Nurses

The Good Samaritan Foundation presented Excellence in Nursing Awards to three Houston Hospice nurses at a luncheon ceremony on September 8, 2016 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. Hope Cook, Svanhanie Crim and Darelle Robbins received the prestigious award. The event was chaired by Kathryn M. Tart EdD, MSN, RN, founding Dean and Professor of the University of Houston School of Nursing.

Hope Cook BSN, RN, CHPN has been a practicing Registered Nurse since graduating from Texas Woman's University, Houston 41 years ago. In her new role as Educator for Houston Hospice, Hope has created several educational programs and works diligently toward positive outcomes in patient care through education. Hope's colleagues note that she tenaciously seeks the latest information to stay abreast of changes in the hospice specialty. Her educational programs have enriched and supported the Houston Hospice nursing team.

Svanhanie (pronounced Swan-Nell) Crim BSN, RN embarked on her nursing career 40 years ago, after graduating from the University of Texas System School of Nursing. She has served as a leading member of her Houston Hospice care team for six years. Because of Svanhanie's diverse experience and penchant for learning, she has become a resource for nurses and physicians. Svanhanie is eager to help her colleagues succeed and she is often called upon to act as a mentor and educator for new employees, nursing students and medical residents from nearby programs. Svanhanie is also well-known for her exceptional bedside manner. Patients and families frequently express gratitude for the care she provides.

Darelle Robbins MN, RN has been an RN since graduating from Odessa Junior College. She earned a BSN in 1979 from the University of Texas in Austin and completed her Masters in Nursing in Staff Development, Clinical Nurse Specialist degree in 1990 from LSU in New Orleans. Darelle's Houston Hospice care team says she has been an inspiration to them with her positive attitude and can-do spirit. Darelle steps in when unexpected needs arise, even traveling from Houston to El Campo to Humble in one day to see patients. At their weekly care team meetings, Darelle shares her wealth of knowledge making valuable contributions toward patient care planning. Beyond her medical expertise, families express appreciation for the calming and reassuring presence Darelle provides.

Houston Hospice was founded in 1980 and provides nonprofit hospice care throughout Houston and ten surrounding counties. Teams of doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, counselors and trained volunteers provide physical, emotional and spiritual support to patients and families, irrespective of their ethnicity or beliefs. To learn more about Houston Hospice, visit www.houstonhospice.org or call 713-467-7423.

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