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JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES AND HOUSTON HOSPICE WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE JEWISH HOSPICE CARE

(Houston, TX – Feb. 14, 2014) Jewish Family Services and Houston Hospice have joined together to provide Jewish hospice care in the Houston area. Hope Lipnick has been named the business associate to provide spiritual counseling service for Houston Hospice patients and their families. Houston Hospice joins more than 60 hospices nationwide in becoming accredited with the National Institute for Jewish Hospice (NIJH).

The accreditation links Houston Hospice with NIJH, which provides staff training, insights on treating Jewish patients who are terminally ill, access to resources and education about Jewish custom and practice that may arise while caring for a hospice patient who is Jewish. Houston Hospice is now part of a database of accredited hospices that NIJH will refer patients, families and rabbis to when they seek the best care for the Jewish terminally ill.

NIJH was established in 1985 to help alleviate suffering in serious and terminal illness. Its 52,000 members are comprised of business and professional leaders, and a consortium of endowing foundations. NIJH serves as a resource and educational center for hospices, hospitals, family service, medical organizations and all health-care agencies, educating them to the issues and challenges of serving the Jewish terminally ill.

About Houston Hospice

Houston Hospice, a 501 (c) (3) organization that is community-based, community-supported and not for profit, is Houston's oldest, largest, independent hospice. For more information, visit www.houstonhospice.org.

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