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HOUSTON HOSPICE DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEERS RETIRING AFTER 20 YEARS

It is with mixed emotions that the staff and volunteers of Houston Hospice prepare to bid farewell to long-time Volunteer Coordinator, Ruth Landauer. Ruth will retire from her position at the end of May, 2014. Jim Faucett, Houston Hospice CEO, said, "For almost thirty years, Ruth has been the 'face' of the Houston Hospice Volunteer Program and often the 'face' of the organization. We will miss her."

Ruth joined Houston Hospice in 1985 as a part-time volunteer and by 1987 she became Director of Volunteers. During her tenure the Volunteer Program has grown significantly in the number of volunteers, and the services offered. Ruth has successfully implemented a number of innovative programs and approaches that allow Houston Hospice volunteers to better meet the needs of patients and families. She has served as an advocate for hospice and a 'keeper of the hospice heart'. Ruth has also been a voice for hospice; always willing to speak to the community and give tours to families. She was frequently the first impression families and patients had of Houston Hospice. Ruth has been a champion of volunteerism in general; serving in leadership roles with Texas Medical Center Volunteers Service Councils, the Senior Companion Board, and the Houston Area Directors of Volunteer Services.

Ruth says that when she came to Houston Hospice she brought her whole heart, and when she leaves part of her heart will remain.

Founded in 1980, Houston Hospice has evolved from an alternative, grass roots concept to a leader in hospice care for people of all ages and walks of life. Houston's oldest, largest, independent hospice, is a 501 (c) (3) organization that is community-based, community-supported and not for profit. Thanks to the support of corporate and private sponsors, Houston Hospice serves Texans from all socio-economic groups irrespective of a person's ethnicity, beliefs or ability to pay.

For information about volunteering at Houston Hospice, contact Ruth Landauer at 713-677-7120 or rlandauer@houstonhospice.org. Houston Hospice is located in The Texas Medical Center at 1905 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Texas 77030.