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HOSPICE OF DC BOARD ANNOUNCES INTERIM CEO

Lexington, North Carolina, March 21, 2011 - Barbara B. Smith, Hospice of Davidson County Board President, announced the appointment of Laura Owen, Hospice of DC Director of Communications and Development, as Interim Chief Executive Officer effective March 21, 2011.

“On behalf of the Board, I would like to convey our appreciation to Laura for offering to serve in an additional capacity during the interim period. Laura has been instrumental in supporting the agency’s growth initiatives and program expansions since joining the agency in 2008,” commented Smith.

Ms. Owen will be working closely with the Board of Directors and the HODC Leadership Team to oversee daily operations until a full-time CEO has been selected. An executive search for a replacement is being conducted by members of the Board’s Executive Committee. Owen will continue to manage her communications and development responsibilities during this time.

Owen joined HODC in May, 2008, overseeing the Marketing and Volunteer Services departments. In December of that same year, Owen was promoted to Director of Communications and Development and began serving as a member of the agency’s Leadership Team.

Hospice of DC provides specialized, end-of-life care to patients and families faced with a terminal illness through their Home Care, Inpatient and Bereavement programs. The agency recognized 25 years of service in 2010. That same year the agency served over 800 individuals and families who were faced with a life-limiting illness.

Hospice of DC is a nonprofit, United Way agency approved by the Accreditation Commission of Health Care, a further recognition of the excellence of their healthcare practices.

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