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### HOSPICE OF DAVIDSON COUNTY HIRES FULLTIME MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Lexington, North Carolina, April 30, 2009 – Hospice of Davidson County Chief Executive Officer Lisa Hathaway announced that Dr. Kristine Nelson, MD, has joined the agency as their first fulltime Medical Director. Dr. Nelson will provide medical care to patients at *The Henry Etta and Bruce Hinkle Hospice House* and oversee care of patients at home.

“We are so pleased that Dr. Nelson has joined our agency,” commented Hathaway. “She brings a wealth of experience to our clinical care team in the hospice and palliative care field.”

Dr. Nelson completed undergraduate studies at the University of Illinois and later when on to receive her doctorate at CETEC University School of Medicine. She continued her post-doctoral training in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology at the Yale University School of Medicine. During this time Dr. Nelson also served as a Staff Physician at Connecticut Hospice in Branford, Connecticut, a leader in the hospice and palliative care field. She went on to serve as a Fellow in Palliative Medicine at the Cleveland Foundation.

Dr. Nelson previously served at Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro where she held the positions of associate and interim Medical Director. Prior to joining Hospice of Davidson County, she served as Medical Director for Hospice of the Piedmont in High Point, North Carolina.

“This is a wonderful time to have joined Hospice of Davidson County,” commented Dr. Nelson. “With the opening of the Hinkle Hospice House and a state of the art facility, our agency is able to expand our services to help patients and their families while helping them through the challenges they face at end of life. While this is an exciting time, we also realize the enormous responsibility we have to the community,” she added.

Hospice of Davidson County is a nonprofit, United Way agency serving the terminally ill. In 2008, the agency provided care for 350 patients and provided support to an additional 200 families participating in bereavement programs. Hospice of Davidson County is also approved by the Accreditation Commission of Health Care, a further recognition of excellence for healthcare practices.

For more information regarding Hospice of Davidson County programs and services contact Laura Owen, Director of Communications and Development, 1.800.768.4677 or [lowen@hospiceofdavidson.org](mailto:lowen@hospiceofdavidson.org).

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