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### **Hospice of the Piedmont Completes Merger with Hospice of the Rapidan**

(Charlottesville, VA—October 28, 2014) – As of October 28, Hospice of the Piedmont and Hospice of the Rapidan have completed their merger and now operate as one consolidated nonprofit organization.

The overarching mission of this merger is to provide exceptional patient and family care to those seriously ill and dying in central Virginia. Underlying that mission is our fundamental belief that the community-based non-profit model is the best model for delivering exceptional care to patients, families, neighborhoods, and communities. The new, combined entity will have a larger geographic footprint, serving the city of Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Augusta, Buckingham, Culpeper, Greene, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, and Rappahannock. HOP is now able to offer the high-quality, compassionate care that patients and families know and trust to a broader number of patients and their families.

This partnership builds upon the strengths and great legacies of both organizations, which each have a 30+-year history of providing end-of-life care to central Virginia residents. The merger will enhance, improve, and strengthen the delivery of hospice care throughout our region by leveraging healthcare relationships, community support, and clinical expertise.

"This is an exciting time for Hospice of the Piedmont," said CEO Dr. James Avery, MD. "This merger allows us to better face the challenges that will confront all healthcare companies in years to come. We look forward to enhancing the exceptional care we're known for, while remaining passionately committed to our promise to provide care regardless of the patient's ability to pay."

The new entity will be headquartered in Charlottesville, Va., with additional sites in Culpeper and Warrenton, Va. Patient care, community-based programs, and all other services provided through HOP and HOTR will continue uninterrupted as this integration is finalized.

#### **About Hospice of the Piedmont**

Founded in 1980, Hospice of the Piedmont is the only community-based nonprofit hospice organization serving Central Virginia. We serve the City of Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Augusta, Buckingham, Culpeper, Greene, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, Rappahannock, and the city of Charlottesville. Hospice of the Piedmont provides high-quality, compassionate care to terminally ill patients and their families, plus grief support for community members coping with the death of a loved one. Hospice of the Piedmont is committed to providing care and support services to all members of our community regardless of their ability to pay.

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