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**Florida Hospice & Palliative Care Association Announces
2013 Awards of Excellence Winners**

Orlando, FL. - On May 23rd, in conjunction with the 28th Annual Forum "*Journey: Mapping Our Past, Paving New Roads*", Florida Hospice & Palliative Care Association (FHPCA) announced the 2013 winners of the annual *Awards of Excellence in Hospice and Palliative Care*.

The Awards of Excellence program was created to identify, recognize and showcase the outstanding and innovative work of individual staff members and hospice programs throughout the state of Florida. This award program aims to provide a venue for hospice professionals to honor their peers and highlight the very best hospice has to offer.

The 2013 Winners are:

- **Award of Excellence in Interdisciplinary Care:** Elizabeth "Beth" Caldwell, RN, *LifePath Hospice*
- **Barbara Janosko Award of Excellence in Leadership:** Mary Richt, RN, *Hospice by the Sea*
- **Award of Excellence in Program Innovation-Community Outreach:** Grief and Loss Puppet Program, *Gulfside Regional Hospice*
- **Award of Excellence in Program Innovation-Clinical Practice:** Aloesea Program, *Hospice by the Sea*
- **The Hospice Story Award:** "An Old Fashioned Love Song" by Fred Mortensen, *Hospice by the Sea*
- **The Synergy Award:** South African Partnership Committee, *Suncoast Hospice*

Congratulations to the award winners for their dedicated work to quality hospice care in Florida! For photos and summaries of the award winners, please visit our Forum webpage at www.floridahospices.org/forum. To learn more about hospice, palliative care, or FHPCA visit www.floridahospices.org.

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About the Awards:

The Excellence in Interdisciplinary Care Award recognizes an individual hospice and palliative care professional who has attained outstanding achievements in the direct provision of care to patients and families.

The Barbara Janosko Excellence In Leadership Award recognizes an individual in a midlevel management position whose work has promoted the advancement of excellence in hospice and palliative care.

The Hospice Story Award recognizes an individual in any role within a hospice organization who most creatively and

effectively conveys what their hospice experience means to them.

The Excellence in Program Innovation are presented to hospice and palliative care programs which demonstrate dynamic innovations or special initiatives.

The Synergy Award recognizes a group of people in any role or configuration that has consistently demonstrated the ideals of collaboration and teamwork in working toward a goal or mission.

About the Awards of Excellence Selection Process:

Nominations are judged by a selection committee composed of leaders within the hospice industry. The selection committee considered examples and specific details that demonstrate how nominees have exceeded expectations and, by their actions, made those around them better. Nominees do not compete against each other; rather they are judged individually against a high standard of excellence and innovation.

About Florida Hospice & Palliative Care Association:

Florida Hospice & Palliative Care Association (FHPCA) is a not-for-profit, IRS Section 501(c)(3) organization representing hospice patients and families, hospice professionals and hospice providers. FHPCA strives to assure excellence in, and expand access to, hospice and palliative care, and advocates for the needs of those in the final stages of life.

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Photos Attached:

Aloesea Program, Hospice by the Sea
Awards Luncheon at the Hilton Orlando
Beth Caldwell, Hospice by the Sea
Paul Ledford, Executive Director of FHPCA and Stacy Orloff, Suncoast Hospice – South African Partnership Committee
Fred Mortensen, Hospice by the Sea
Paul Ledford, Executive Director of FHPCA, Linda Ward, President of FHPCA& CEO of Gulfside Regional Hospice, and Kelly Cavagnetto, and Ashley Monteath, Gulfside Regional Hospice
Puppet Program, Gulfside Regional Hospice
Linda Ward, President of FHPCA and Mary Richt, Hospice by the Sea