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Kaua`i Hospice Celebrates the Love and Care of Hospice

Lihue, HI -- November 1, 2009 -- November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month and hospices across the country are reaching out to raise awareness about important care issues for people coping with life-limiting illness. Kaua`i Hospice understands that every person they care for is a unique individual with a lifetime of experiences, relationships and gifts to share. Hospice brings comfort, dignity and peace to help people live every moment of life to the fullest, leaving loved ones with memories they can treasure.

“Every year, more than 1.4 million people living with a life-limiting illness receive care from hospice and palliative care providers in this country,” said Lori Miller, executive director of Kaua`i Hospice. “These highly-trained professionals provide more than quality medical care. They work to ensure patients and families find dignity, respect and love during life’s most difficult journey.”

Hospice care goes beyond traditional healthcare. Kaua`i Hospice and other palliative care programs provide pain management, symptom control, bereavement support and spiritual care to patients and their families when a cure is not possible. Hospice and palliative care combines the highest level of quality medical care with the emotional and spiritual support that families need most when facing the end of life.

Ask any Kaua`i Hospice volunteer why they donate their time to hospice and you will likely hear, “Kaua`i Hospice was there for my family at a difficult time in our lives. The staff delivered exceptional medical care when we needed it most. Why do I volunteer for hospice? It must be love!”

Additional information about hospice, palliative care and advance care planning is available from Kaua`i Hospice by calling 245-7277 or by visiting the website at www.kauaihospice.org

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