Providence Hospice will open Waco’s first inpatient hospice facility on the campus of Providence Healthcare Network

With nearly 6000 square feet of space, Providence Hospice Place will be located within St. Catherine Center at Providence Park in southwest Waco

(Fort Worth and Waco, Texas)...Providence Hospice in partnership with Providence Healthcare Network is opening an inpatient hospice facility in fall 2013. Providence Hospice Place will be located within St. Catherine Center at Providence Park, a senior living community and division of the Providence Healthcare Network. Providence Hospice is part of the Community Hospice of Texas family of organizations, the largest nonprofit hospice network in Texas.

“As the first facility in Waco and Central Texas for inpatient hospice care, Providence Hospice Place will fill a critical need in the Waco area,” according to Andrea Green, Chief Executive Officer of Community Hospice of Texas.

Providence Hospice Place will have eight patient suites designed with the specific needs of the terminally ill in mind. The compassionate staff is trained to support the needs of the patient, as well as support families and loved ones in this unique environment. The unit will be staffed with a team of specialized hospice nurses, social workers, chaplains and volunteers experienced in caring for terminally ill patients.

“St. Catherine Center has worked closely with Providence Hospice for many years to provide superior end-of-life care,” said Michael Olmstead, Providence Healthcare Network’s Vice President of Long-term Care. “This is a logical progression in that relationship. Providence Hospice Place will simply be the next step forward.”

“Having a distinct presence in the community will create more awareness of the role hospice plays in the continuum of care. Our goal is to serve end-of-life patients and their families in a more sensitive, supportive way,” emphasized Tammera Ryan, Executive Director of Providence Hospice.

The project fulfills Providence Hospice’s and Providence Healthcare Network’s joint missions to contribute to the continuity of patient care, according to the organizations.

The Providence Hospice Place facility project architect is Bernadette Hookham of Raso, Bailey, Dudley & Rose, Inc. Architects, a Waco firm (www.rbdrarchitects.com). General contractor is Waco Construction, LLC. Lead supervisor
Billy Wade says all should be completed by early fall 2013.

About Community Hospice of Texas and Providence Hospice

Founded in 1995, affiliates Providence Hospice and Community Hospice of Texas are licensed by the Texas Department of Human Services to provide hospice care to terminally ill patients in North and Central Texas. As 501(c) (3) non-profit organizations, they collectively are the largest non-profit hospice in the state. Community Hospice of Texas headquarters are in Fort Worth. Visit the website: www.chot.org. Providence Hospice headquarters are in Waco. They are online at: www.providencehospice.org.

About Providence Healthcare Network

A member of Ascension Health, the nation’s largest Catholic non-profit integrated health system, Providence Healthcare Network is dedicated to spiritually centered, holistic care, which sustains and improves the health of individuals and communities. Beginning in 1905 as Waco’s first hospital, Providence today has over 2,300 associates, physicians and volunteers. Our 650-bed system, encompassing Providence Health Center, Providence Park, Providence DePaul Center, and a network of outpatient clinics and facilities, offers the most comprehensive continuum of care for Central Texans throughout their lifetime. Nationally recognized for quality care, Providence is a Joint Commission Certified Level II Primary Stroke Center, an Accredited Chest Pain Center with PCI designated by the Society of Chest Pain Centers and has been recognized by HealthGrades to be among the top five percent in the nation for emergency medicine. They are online at: www.providence.net.

About Providence Park

Built in 2003, Providence Park is a division of the Providence Healthcare Network and provides independent living, assisted living, long-term and sub-acute care for residents based on individual needs in a Christian environment. They are on the web at: www.providencepark.net.

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