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Providence Hospital Receives Award for Outstanding Palliative Care Program

Washington, DC – Providence Hospital recently received the first CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield Award for Outstanding Palliative Care Program.

“We feel very honored to have achieved this recognition,” said Karole Thomas, RN, Director of Providence Hospital’s palliative care program. “Over the past 18 years, Providence has served over 4,200 families in our program. We share the award with these special families.”

The award is given to programs in the Washington metropolitan area that meet the following criteria:

- Provides direct patient care utilizing national palliative care guidelines
- Has a defined mission with designated leadership and institutional support
- Establishes links to other services in the community
- Provides data that support program efficacy
- Strives to raise the standard for palliative care and provides a model for emulation

The award was presented by Dr. H. Linton Wray, MD, medical director of CareFirst of the National Capital Area, at a reception hosted by the Greater Washington Partnership for Palliative and End-of-Life Care.

Founded by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul and chartered by President Abraham Lincoln in 1861, Providence Hospital is Washington, DC’s oldest continuously operating hospital. A member of the Ascension Health System, the nation’s largest not-for profit Catholic healthcare system, this 408-bed community hospital serves residents throughout the region with specialties including maternal/infant health, surgical services, geriatrics, orthopedics, behavioral health, oncology and primary care services.