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HEBREW HEALTH CARE OPENS HOSPICE AGENCY

May 5, 2009, West Hartford, CT: Hebrew Health Care is expanding its menu of geriatric health services by adding hospice services to our current Home Health Agency. Hospice is a special way of caring for those who are facing a life limiting illness; it is based on the belief that people who are facing an illness such as, heart disease, dementia, lung disease and cancer may have needs. To follow each patient as their disease progresses, hospice will offer care in four different care at different levels to meet patient and family needs. The hospice program will also provide bereavement services for 13 months after death.

The hospice program at Hebrew Health Care engages a team of professionals to work with patients and their families. Nurses and home health aides address physical needs, medical social workers assist patients and families with emotional support and resources, and our chaplain focuses on the individuals spiritual need. Therapists and counselors offer additional support. Volunteers will give caregivers a break by listening to a lifetime of stories, record oral histories, read or write letters for the patient and provide emotional support. The hospice team will be led by Kate Politis Collette, the new Director of Hospice services.

Hebrew Health Care has been known as a leader in elder care for over a century, it is our hope that by expanding our care network, we will have the option to have all of their life needs met by Hebrew Health Care. This is another way that Hebrew Health Care is committed to the community we serve.

Hebrew Health Care is a non-profit, non-sectarian health care provider featuring a full spectrum of integrated and seamless in-patient; out-patient and community based geriatric services to meet the needs of older adults in the Greater Hartford community. Hebrew Health Care is committed to providing comprehensive care of the elderly. Not simply saying it, not simply building it, HHC does it



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– every day, every week, every year, for over 100 years. Hebrew Health Care’s commitment to the elderly in the Greater Hartford area is unparalleled and is the foundation on which our reputation for excellence is based.

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