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St. Catherine's Healthcare LLC Recognized as a *We Honor Veterans* Partner

St. Catherine's Healthcare LLC *demonstrates commitment to delivering Veteran-centric care as a *We Honor Veterans* partner*

Houston, TX— Over 300,000 Veterans die each year in the United States. However, 95% of Veterans receive health care outside of the VA at the end of life¹. Therefore, many Veterans and their families are not aware of the end-of-life services and benefits they are entitled to. To provide specialized support and care that reflects the contributions made by our nation's Veterans, St. Catherine's Healthcare has become a national partner of ***We Honor Veterans***, a pioneering program developed by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

We Honor Veterans was launched in 2010 by NHPCO and the VA to address the growing need for Veteran-centered end-of-life care, especially as Veterans from different service eras are aging and require access to Veteran-centric palliative and hospice care. The *We Honor Veterans* program encourages respectful inquiry, compassionate listening, and grateful acknowledgment, coupled with Veteran-centric education of healthcare staff caring for Veterans.

We Honor Veterans provides tiered recognition to organizations that demonstrate a systematic commitment to improving care for Veterans at life's end. As a Level One WHV partner, St. Catherine's Healthcare has implemented Veteran-centric education for staff, integrated intake processes for identifying Veterans, and begun to establish community partnerships with other hospice providers and Veterans organizations. By recognizing the unique needs of our nation's Veterans who are facing a life-limiting illness, St. Catherine's Healthcare is better able to guide Veterans and their families toward a more peaceful ending. In cases where there are specific needs related to a Veteran's military service, combat experience, or other traumatic events, St. Catherine's Healthcare will provide tools to help support these needs,

"Committed to compassionate care, for those who cared for us."

Learn more about the *We Honor Veterans* program at www.WeHonorVeterans.org and about St. Catherine's Healthcare at www.Hospice-Now.com

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