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Family Hospice to Open Second Inpatient Unit

Family Hospice and Palliative Care, Western Pennsylvania's leading non-profit hospice organization, will host an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony at 5 p.m. on Jan. 26th to mark the opening of its second inpatient unit in Allegheny County.

The Center for Compassionate Care Canterbury – located on the second floor of Canterbury Place, a UPMC Senior Community at 310 Fisk St in Lawrenceville – has 14 home-like private patient rooms and offers round-the-clock inpatient hospice care. The new inpatient unit is modeled after Family Hospice's original inpatient facility, The Center for Compassionate Care, which opened in Mt. Lebanon in 2008.

The Center for Compassionate Care Canterbury will operate under Family Hospice's license and will offer a full-time Family Hospice staff, including a palliative care certified physician, nurses, social work and spiritual care.

"Family Hospice is pleased to meet the need for a state-of-the-art hospice inpatient facility within the City of Pittsburgh," said Rafael Sciuolo, President and CEO of Family Hospice. "Canterbury Place provides The Center for Compassionate Care Canterbury with a convenient, centralized location for health care professionals and families alike to access CompassionateCareSM."

"Canterbury Place is proud to partner with Family Hospice to offer another level of service to the community. This collaboration will help ensure that Pittsburgh residents and their families have access to care that meets their individual goals and needs," said Deborah Brodine, president, UPMC Senior Communities.

In addition to private patient rooms, The Center for Compassionate Care Canterbury also features a family room, kitchen area, and picturesque views of the City of Pittsburgh. Families will have access to Canterbury Place's chapel and free parking garage. As with The Center for Compassionate Care in Mt. Lebanon, the new inpatient unit features 24/7 visitation and family pets are welcome.

Patients and families at The Center for Compassionate Care Canterbury will be afforded the full continuum of care which includes interdisciplinary team care, support for family and loved ones, and complementary therapies.

A winner of the American Hospital Association's Circle of Life award for innovative care programs, Family Hospice and Palliative Care has been providing compassionate care to our area since 1980. As the region's largest non-profit hospice provider, Family Hospice serves nine counties in Western Pennsylvania, helping patients make choices about their care, supporting family and friends who are grieving and educating both professionals and the community about end-of-life issues. Family Hospice is accredited by The Joint Commission for meeting specific high-level performance standards and recognized nationally as pioneer in programs such as Caregiver Training. Through a commitment to quality services, Family Hospice provides a complete continuum of care to patients and families. More information at www.familyhospice.com and www.facebook.com/familyhospicepa.