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JFK Medical Center's Haven Hospice Program Hosts Volunteer Open House

Edison, NJ -- The Haven Hospice Program at JFK Medical Center, servicing Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset and Union counties, will host an open house on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. The event, which will be held in the Third Floor Conference Room at JFK Medical Center will offer interested community members information about volunteer opportunities that will put their special skills and valuable time to good use. A training program is offered to all volunteers to acquaint them with Haven Hospice.

Anyone interested in volunteering time to service their community is invited to attend. There is a great demand for volunteers of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. Some of the opportunities available to local residents include home visitation, nursing home and hospital visitation, office support, transportation, hairstylist, cosmetology, entertainment, and massage therapist.

Haven Hospice, ranked among the best Hospice Care Programs in the nation by Press Ganey patient satisfaction scores, is one of the most comprehensive hospice programs available to residents of New Jersey. Services are offered through JFK Medical Center in Edison and the JFK Medical Center – Muhlenberg Campus in Plainfield. Haven Hospice provides care for patients and families who are experiencing a terminal illness. This care includes medical, emotional, psychological and spiritual support along with 24-hour staff availability. Typically services are provided to patients in the comfort of their own homes as well as long-term or assisted living facilities.

The most recent addition to the comprehensive services offered by Haven Hospice is the Mary Anne Hale Pavilion, so named for one of its volunteers. It is an inpatient hospice unit located at JFK Medical Center.

Another feature of the Hospice program is its Children's Program, which focuses on the emotional needs of children, age three to eighteen, who are either coping with an illness or the loss of a loved one. Various support groups for the bereaved and for those dealing with an illness are also available.

If you are interested in attending or learning more about the Haven Hospice program, please call 732-321-7704.

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JFK Medical Center, an affiliate of Solaris Health System, is a 535-bed full-service, acute care hospital, consisting of The Anthony M. Yelencs Community Hospital and the adjacent JFK Johnson Rehabilitative Institute. Located in the heart of Edison, NJ, it has remained at the forefront of quality care in the region since its inception in 1967. Today, JFK accommodates more than 20,000 admissions, 3,000 births and 50,000 Emergency Room visits on a yearly basis. The Medical Center features a complete array of services, including general surgery, emergency medicine, mental health, orthopedics, maternity and pediatric care. It is home to the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute, Regional Cancer Center, Haven Hospice, JFK Imaging Center and the JFK Family Practice Center. Affiliated with UMDNJ -Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Seton Hall University School of Graduate Medical Education, JFK offers residency programs in physical and rehabilitation medicine, family practice and dentistry.