

Hospice of South Georgia Selected as Partner in National Workplace Outreach Initiative

Hospice of South Georgia has been selected one of 35 hospice organizations nationwide to partner with the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's Caring Connections workplace outreach initiative. The campaign is entitled *It's About How You LIVE – At Work*, and is funded by the Jacob & Valeria Langeloth Foundation.

The *LIVE – At Work* initiative is striving to increase awareness about the needs of working caregivers and to provide support for employers with working caregivers. Many individuals struggle to balance the demands of work and home, which often includes taking care of ill, elderly, or frail family members. According to a 2006 study from the National Alliance for Caregiving and MetLife, U.S. businesses lose from \$17.1 billion to \$33.6 billion per year in productivity for full-time employees with caregiving responsibilities.

Through this opportunity, Hospice of South Georgia will be able to provide support and resources for employees who are providing care for a loved one that is seriously ill, dealing with grief and loss issues, and/or needing more information about planning for future healthcare decisions and other end-of-life issues. Many employers in the community are being contacted to get involved with this campaign, but those employers facing employee caregiving issues may contact Hospice of South Georgia at 229-249-4100 for information.

Hospice of South Georgia has been serving the Valdosta community since 1987. This not for profit organization is dedicated to caring for those who have a life limiting illness. Hospice care offers support for patients and their caregivers. This care is provided by doctors, nurses, many volunteers, chaplains, and social workers. Keeping patients as comfortable and pain free as possible is their objective along with giving support to family members during this tough time. Hospice care is a tremendous resource for many families in our community.

For more information, call Hospice of South Georgia at 229-249-4100 or 1-800-HOSPICE.