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## **UNITY ANNOUNCES GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION ON AUGUST 25, 2022** FOR NEW GRIEF AND EDUCATION CENTER

De Pere, Wisconsin - On Thursday, August 25, 2022, Unity, Northeast Wisconsin's nonprofit leader in Hospice Care, Supportive Care Management (palliative care), Care Companions (nonmedical home care) and Grief Support, will host a community open house celebration for the Unity Grief and Education Center, the region's only freestanding center designed to support individuals and families of all ages who have experienced a death. Located at 2079 Lawrence Drive, De Pere, the new facility was created so no one in our community grieves alone. It features dedicated counseling rooms to accommodate adults, children, and families in need of grief support, as well as a large room for education and public outreach. The Center is staffed by Unity's experienced grief services team which consists of licensed counselors, social workers and trained volunteers who offer one-on-one and family grief counseling, grief groups and grief resources both in person and virtually. Generous donations allow Unity to offer compassionate grief support at no charge.

Everyone in Northeast Wisconsin is invited to visit the center between the hours of 3 pm to 7 pm for guided tours, refreshments and an opportunity to win a Unity gift basket valued at \$100. Preregistration is not required.

Unity Grief Services Director Jenny Boeckman states "Grounded in hearing the need for expanded grief support in our communities, Unity opened Unity Grief and Education Center to create a specialized place where everyone in our community can receive grief support and education. This truly is a welcoming space where grief and healing can be honored and shared.

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Since the Center opened on November 1, 2021, the grief services team has already provided support through over 4,500 phone calls, 400 visits and 40 grief groups, as well as outreach to local schools and workplaces. It is a true honor to offer this care to our community."

## **About Unity Grief and Education Center**

Unity Grief and Education Center is the region's only center designed to support individuals and families who have experienced a death. Generous donations allow Unity to offer compassionate grief support at no charge to individuals and families ensuring no one in our community grieves alone. The Center features over 6,000 square feet of dedicated counseling rooms to accommodate adults, children, and families in need of grief support, as well as a large room for education and public outreach. Recognizing that every individual grieves in a unique way, Unity's experienced Grief Services team consisting of licensed counselors, social workers, and trained offers a wide variety of services in person, virtually and by phone which include:

- Individual Grief Counseling
- Family Grief Counseling
- Grief Support Groups for Children, Teens, Families, and Adults
- Supportive Telephone Calls
- Memorial Services
- Newsletter and Literature Resources
- Holiday Support

In addition, Unity Grief and Education Center extends grief expertise to schools and businesses through paid consultation following a death, educational trainings and materials, as well as onsite individual and group grief support.

For more information about Unity Grief and Education Center, call (920) 339-6700 or visit unityhospice.org/grief-support.

## **About Unity**

Unity is a nonprofit provider of hospice care, supportive care, nonmedical home care and grief support across 13 counties throughout Northeast Wisconsin. A continuation of Bellin Hospice,

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Wisconsin's first hospice program and the nation's third, Unity is a partnership of Bellin Health, HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center and HSHS St. Vincent Hospital. A true pioneer in caring for those coping with serious illness and end-of-life, Unity continues to lead the industry launching the state's first palliative care program in 2002, the area's first hospice residence (Unity Jack and Engrid Meng Hospice Residence) in 2007, and the region's only grief (Unity Grief and Education Center) in 2021. As the only locally owned and operated nonprofit hospice agency in the region, Unity is the sole provider of inpatient hospice at seven area hospitals including Bellin Health - Green Bay, Bellin Health - Oconto, Door County Medical Center, HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center, HSHS St. Clare, HSHS St. Vincent Hospital, and Aurora Medical Center - Bay Area. Unity's partnerships with area skilled nursing facilities, assisted-living facilities and pharmacies ensure seamless care in all settings.

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