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Hospice of North Idaho Builds Campus of Care for Community

Coeur d'Alene, ID—To meet the community's wishes for excellent end-of-life care and compassionate grief and loss services, Hospice of North Idaho is building a campus for its community care.

General Contractor, Young Construction in Coeur d'Alene recently broke ground for the development of an administration and community building located on the existing Schneidmiller House property owned by Hospice of North Idaho. In addition to staff office space, the new building will feature an entire wing for grief and loss support groups and private counseling, meeting rooms for professional development, and a 200-person capacity community event room.

Young Construction Group is excited to be a part of the Hospice Community Building project. President John Young said, "We have had the opportunity to work with Hospice for many years on their construction projects and look forward to seeing this project's impact on Hospice of North Idaho and our community. Hospice has touched the lives of our family and many of our employees' families, making this relationship even more special. We are proud to be part of the team."

The mission is at the forefront of this campus plan. Kim Ransier, Executive Director for Hospice of North Idaho describes the thoughtful planning that led to this groundbreaking event, "We have held a long-term vision of one campus where our in-patient unit houses those in need of specialty end-of-life care and where our in-home hospice care nurses, social workers and the entire care team are right next door."

Architect Steve Roth of Architects West developed the building plans in close coordination with Hospice staff. The building is situated and designed for comfortable access for community events, to welcome people into a comfortable space, and be efficient for staff. After working diligently on the plans details, Roth comments, "I'm excited to see it come to life." The building construction is scheduled to be complete this December.

Hospice of North Idaho commits to a community-centered mission providing end of life care and grief support to everyone in Benewah, Shoshone and Kootenai Counties. "We will be able to offer support groups with a designated space for our kid's afterschool grief program. Last year we hosted 120 support group meetings in our

building and had to shuffle the space daily.” Ransier said. This effort is made possible by generous gifts from the community and by special funding and financing from the Idaho Health Facilities Authority and Mountain West Bank.

Georgianne Jessen, Chairperson of the Hospice of North Idaho Board of Directors sees collaborative opportunities with community partners. “The new building will allow us to host co-sponsored events with Kootenai Health, it’s Foundation, the Kroc Center, or other area non-profits. Many of our programs we offer free to the community could be held on our campus.”

The Hospice of North Idaho has provided comfort care since 1981, and at the Schneidmiller House since 2011. The House has welcomed thousands of patients and tens of thousands of visitors each year. The Hospice staff will now be located on the same campus which will enhance care and access to patients and families. For more information about Hospice of North Idaho programs, unique care, or volunteer program visit www.hospiceofnorthidaho.org or call (208)772-7994.