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HOSPICE OF NGMC RECOGNIZED AMONG THE TOP 5% IN THE NATION

GAINESVILLE, Ga. – One of the nation's premier hospice programs is right here in northeast

Georgia, according to a national survey. Hospice of Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC)

was recently named a Hospice Honors Elite recipient by HEALTHCAREfirst, which recognizes

fewer than 5 percent of hospice organizations nationwide.

"This recognition reflects our team's deep commitment to caring for the whole person's

mind, body and spirit, while also supporting families through incredibly emotional times," said

Natalie McNeal, director of Hospice and In-Home Palliative Care at NGMC. "Our nurses,

physicians, social workers, chaplains and support staff pour their hearts into this work every day,

and I am proud to see their compassion and dedication recognized in this way."

The award is based on results from the CAHPS (Consumer Assessment of Healthcare

Providers and Systems) Hospice Survey and highlights care teams that score above the national

average and consistently provide exceptional support during end-of-life journeys.

Hospice of NGMC offers expert care focused on comfort, dignity and quality of life,

whether care is provided in the hospital, at home or in a long-term care facility. Support extends

beyond the patient to include emotional and spiritual care for families.

To learn more about Hospice of NGMC, visit <u>nghs.com/hospice</u>.

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Since 1951, Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC) has been on a mission of improving the health of our community in all we do. With hospitals located in Gainesville, Braselton, Winder, Dahlonega and Demorest, the five NGMC campuses have a total of more than 1,000 beds and more than 1,500 medical staff members representing more than 60 specialties. NGMC is part of Northeast Georgia Health System, a non-profit that cares for more than one million people across more than 19 counties. Learn more at nghs.com.