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**Visiting Nurse Health System Recognized as a *We Honor Veterans* Partner  
*Improves End-Of-Life Care for Veterans***

**Atlanta, May 21, 2015** – It may surprise many people to learn that 25 percent of those who die every year in the U.S. are Veterans. To help provide care and support that reflect the important contributions made by these men and women, Visiting Nurse Health System has become a national partner of *We Honor Veterans*, a pioneering campaign developed by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in collaboration with the *Department of Veterans Affairs*.

As a *We Honor Veterans* Partner, Visiting Nurse will implement ongoing Veteran-centered education for their staff and volunteers to help improve the care they provide to the Veterans they proudly serve.

Using resources provided as part of the campaign, *We Honor Veterans* Partners integrate best practices for providing end-of-life care to Veterans into their organization. By recognizing the unique needs of our nation's Veterans who are facing a life-limiting illness, Visiting Nurse is better able to accompany and guide Veterans and their families toward a more peaceful ending. And in cases where there might be some specific needs related to the Veteran's military service, combat experience or other traumatic events, Visiting Nurse will find tools to help support those they are caring for.

"*We Honor Veterans* will help us work more effectively with the VA and provide these heroic men and women the proper care they so deserve at the end of life," said Mark Oshnock, Visiting Nurse President and CEO. The resources of *We Honor Veterans* focus on respectful inquiry, compassionate listening, and grateful acknowledgment, coupled with Veteran-centric education of health care staff caring for Veterans."

To learn more about *We Honor Veterans* please visit [www.wehonorveterans.org](http://www.wehonorveterans.org).

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**About Visiting Nurse Health System**

Founded in 1948, Visiting Nurse Health System is Georgia's largest nonprofit provider of home healthcare and hospice services, and operates the extraordinary Hospice Atlanta Center in Buckhead. The mission of its 750 employees is to improve the lives of nearly 30,000 patients and their families served annually. Thanks to the support of generous individuals, foundations and corporations, Visiting Nurse is able to provide compassionate, quality care to all of its patients regardless of their ability to pay. For more information, please visit [www.vnhs.org](http://www.vnhs.org).

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