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Honoring America's Veterans with Hospice Atlanta Center Veterans Day Event

Visiting Nurse Health System Honors Atlanta Area Veterans By Recording Their Stories with StoryCorps

Atlanta, November 10, 2015 – Many Americans do not realize that 1 in 4 of all deaths in the U.S. are Veterans. As the nation honors these American heroes for their military service on Veterans Day, November 11, it's important to remember that they also deserve recognition and compassionate care when dealing with a serious illness.

As a *We Honor Veterans* partner, Visiting Nurse Health System is providing specialized care to Veterans who are facing a life-limiting illness. The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, created *We Honor Veterans* to empower hospice and other healthcare providers across America to meet the unique needs of seriously ill Veterans and their families.

"As our nation's Veterans age and face life-limiting illnesses, Visiting Nurse feels it is important to not only offer them the end-of-life care they so deserve, but also to learn from their stories," said Nancy Mauldin, Executive Director of Hospice Services. "Visiting Nurse is proud to offer the beautiful Hospice Atlanta Center as a setting for Atlanta area Veterans to tell their stories through StoryCorps, whose mission is to 'provide people of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, share and preserve the stories of our lives."

As we celebrate our nation's heroes this Veterans Day – and every day of the year – we must not forget that it is never too late to give them a hero's welcome home.

Learn more at www.vnhs.org/WeHonorVeterans

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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 the 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. ###