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**ELAINE MCINTOSH TO RETIRE FROM KANSAS CITY HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE**

*Long-time president and CEO plans to step down after a 40-year career in hospice*

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 28, 2016 – Elaine McIntosh, longtime president and CEO of [Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care](#) (KCH&PC), announced today that she will retire from her position. McIntosh will remain in her role until a successor is named, which is anticipated to occur by the end of the year. The executive committee of the KCH&PC board has formed a search committee to lead a national search for her successor.

KCH&PC, along with its subsidiary [NorthCare Hospice](#), is the largest not-for-profit hospice and community-based palliative care organization in the Kansas City metropolitan area. It operates in multiple locations – including two Hospice Houses – across 10 counties in both Kansas and Missouri.

The breadth of services provided by KCH&PC includes a specialized pediatric program, palliative home health services and several specialized grief support programs including two children’s grief camps. KCH&PC is a training site for the [Palliative Medicine fellowship training program](#) at the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

McIntosh was named president and CEO in 1992. Under her guidance, KCH&PC has grown into a multifaceted organization with approximately 450 employees, 600 volunteers and serves close to 3,800 families annually.

Among her key accomplishments, McIntosh oversaw the planning and development of the first free-standing Kansas City Hospice House and played an essential role in the 2015 merger with NorthCare Hospice, which now operates as a subsidiary of KCH&PC.

“Elaine has grown KCH&PC into an exemplary and award- winning organization that serves patients and families as they cope with one of life’s most profoundly difficult experiences,” said Donna Payne, chair of the Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care board of directors. “We feel confident that the organization is well-positioned to continue its excellence in service thanks to the strong leadership team and board, an amazing staff, dedicated volunteers and outstanding community partnerships that are in place.”

A Kansas City area native, McIntosh earned her Master of Business Administration from Simmons College in Boston. She began her 40-year career in hospice at Hospice of Seattle and subsequently served at another hospice organization in Washington State.

“Reflecting on the past four decades, I am in awe of all that has been accomplished by the hospice movement. From a tiny beginning, we have built a respected system of care, which is essential in the continuum of health services,” McIntosh said. “It has been a great privilege to be a part of this journey for so long and I am deeply proud of the organization and everyone who has helped along the way. I will take with me warmest memories of my years at KCH&PC and will watch with pride its future successes.”

**About Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care**

KCH&PC was founded in 1980 by a number of area hospitals dedicated to providing a better way to care for the dying. Its mission is to bring expert care, peace of mind, comfort, guidance and hope to people who are affected by life threatening and life-limiting illness. KCH&PC was the first hospice in the area to recognize the need for on-staff, physician expertise and is recognized as the area’s leading hospice. Its team of caring and trained clinical professionals is considered the leader and innovator in palliative and end-of-life care in this region.

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