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### **Good Shepherd Hospice launches new website *New site gives visitors easy-to-use- features and more information***

**LAKELAND, FLA.** – Good Shepherd Hospice announced today that it launched a newly redesigned version of its external website. The new site can be found at [www.goodshepherdhospice.org](http://www.goodshepherdhospice.org).

“The Internet has become the first stop for people looking for information on any product and service. It follows that more people seeking information about hospice care will turn to the Internet for answers,” said John McElligott, Good Shepherd Hospice Executive Director. “The new Good Shepherd Hospice website will answer many of the questions people may have about the services we offer to patients and their loved ones, the care we provide, our referral process, how services are paid for and who is eligible. Plus the site has a very contemporary look and an easy-to-use design.”

In addition to information about programs and services offered to patients, the website also features a secure online donation area, where visitors can easily – and safely – make financial contributions to Good Shepherd Hospice; get information about a wide range of different volunteer opportunities, and obtain information about employment and current job openings

The site also features sections on Life’s Treasures Thrift Store, Grief and Bereavement services for children and adults, upcoming events, and news releases. Visitors can also download legal forms to document their end-of-life decisions.

“When designing the new Good Shepherd Hospice website we tried to keep in mind that our visitors have a wide variety of reasons for coming to our site,” added McElligott. “We then attempted to make an uncomplicated website, and I hope our visitors will find it both informative and accessible.” The new site has useful information and helpful links for both the general public, as well as health care professionals.

Good Shepherd Hospice embraces its mission to make the most of life by relieving the suffering of patients and their families affected by life-limiting illnesses or end-of-life issues. The organization is a community-based, not-for-profit hospice that has been a part of Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties since 1979. Good Shepherd is the only agency offering hospice programs accredited by the Joint Commission, which sets the national standards for healthcare accreditation. Community bereavement programs offered by Good Shepherd Hospice are funded in part by United Way of Central Florida. For more information, please visit the website at [goodshepherdhospice.org](http://goodshepherdhospice.org)

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