



## **Covenant Care and Sacred Heart Hospital Collaborate on New Inpatient Hospice Center**

**Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 27, 2016** – Covenant Care and Sacred Heart Hospital announced today an exciting new collaboration to address the needs of seriously ill patients and families at the end of life with plans to open the new Covenant Care Inpatient Hospice Center at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola.

Many patients with life-limiting illnesses reach a point in their lives where their loved ones are no longer able to provide the care they need to address complex issues. Those patients will now be able to receive the kind of special care and support they need at the new center. The Inpatient Hospice Center is the result of a long-standing relationship between Covenant Care and Sacred Heart to meet the needs our growing population.

Opening summer of 2017, the 10,000 square foot Center will be located on the first floor of Sacred Heart Hospital and will consist of 17 patient rooms. Fully staffed by Covenant Care, patients and families will receive round-the-clock hospice and palliative care services. Those typically admitted to an inpatient center need help controlling pain and symptoms related to their diagnosis or have family that is in need of respite care.

“Bringing an inpatient hospice center like this to Pensacola will help to relieve anxiety that families and patients who need access to these special services often encounter,” said Jeff Mislevy, Covenant Care President and CEO. “This project will give us the

opportunity to combine our expertise and resources with one of the area's leading healthcare providers.”

The new Covenant Inpatient Hospice Center will offer a continuum of specialized and individual care 24-hours-a-day and provide patients and their loved ones a warm, comfortable setting in a home-like environment. Each patient room will be equipped with comfortable seating and sleeping accommodations for guests, and visiting hours will be unlimited.

“We are very pleased by this opportunity to provide for our community a dedicated inpatient hospice center at Sacred Heart for those patients in need of such care,” said Henry Stovall, Sacred Heart Hospital President. “We are also very appreciative of the opportunity to partner with Covenant Care, a not-for-profit organization that shares our commitment to serve all persons in our community,” added Stovall.

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