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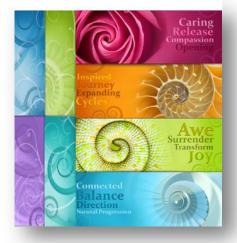
## New Video-Based, Online Hospice Volunteer Training and Palliative Caregiver Certification Launched

Teaching Transitions, an online hospice volunteer training company is pleased to announce the availability of eTrainingAssist<sup>TM</sup>, a video-based, online hospice volunteer training program for hospices and palliative care companies. eTrainingAssist<sup>TM</sup> sets the standard for hospice volunteer training online by incorporating the latest technology for a media-rich user experience, certification upon successful completion, convenience, and cost-saving measures.

"Death is a natural part of life, but most people are not prepared or trained to support an individual who is dying, or their family. This is where carefully trained hospice volunteers come in", stated Patty Burgess-Brecht, Founder of Teaching Transitions, an <u>online hospice volunteer training company</u>. As part of the hospice team, trained volunteers step up with much needed special assistance for patients and families such as running errands, sitting bedside and more. Teaching Transitions trains hospice volunteers online in a new and effective way that is gaining interest and momentum in the hospice industry.

Medicare mandates that hospice agencies use trained volunteers for 5% of total patient hours delivered. Though training is required, there are no standards, and most training takes place on a weekend or over several weeks, with varying hours, making scheduling difficult for potential volunteers.

For pricing, training contents, and a "sneak peek" at the training, visit the website



"Get Online...It's Time"

"We've taken the mandated training to the next level, Burgess stated. We've brought it online, made it engaging, professional, and created a certification program." Upon successful completion of the training, participants are granted the Certified Hospice Volunteer and Palliative Caregiver (CHVP) designation. In fact, says Burgess, this training can be offered to all volunteers and staff. There is no reason why volunteers and staff cannot be certified-- from the receptionist to the hospice director."

The online hospice volunteer training incorporates multi-media elements, such as traditional teaching, animations, music, films, videos, meditation, experiential exercises, audio interviews, testing, and more. It was designed to meet, exceed and comply with the Medicare Conditions of Participation (CoPs) and the recommendations of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO).

"Whether a small or large hospice—this training fits. A small hospice has one person wearing many hats, so this turn-key training program not only offers much needed assistance, but is an affordable alternative to hiring additional staff. A large hospice may have many volunteers, but getting them all into a few training classes per year can be challenging and inconvenient. Conducting video-based, hospice volunteer training online allows volunteers to get started immediately, finish more quickly and be out in the field doing this valuable work," said Burgess.

According to the Hospice Volunteer Association, the cost to train just one volunteer is \$763. Teaching Transitions' subscription fee translates to a fraction of that cost per trainee, for unlimited yearly access for all volunteers and staff.

Those who are interested may see a "sneak preview" along with the 21 reasons why Teaching Transitions is the best possible online hospice volunteer training program for a hospice. The sneak preview offers a sampling of the media elements used in the program, and best of all--two full hours of training is offered, and it is free!

"Contact us to learn how our program can help with compliance, cost-reduction, certification, consistency, automation, market impact, new demographics and more." said Burgess.

More information and the free preview can be found by visiting the website at <a href="www.teachingtransitions.com">www.teachingtransitions.com</a>, or by calling 215-428-6677.

## **About Teaching Transitions:**

Teaching Transitions is a nationwide, video-based, online hospice volunteer and palliative caregiver training company specializing in helping hospices attract and train volunteers. This is accomplished by offering engaging and inspired content, the latest in online training tools and technology, and back-end administrative support for tracking and documentation. Teaching Transitions' multi-media approach allows hospices to reach into their community to have massive impact, attract new demographics, all while making it easy and affordable to "get-online".