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## **PARK NICOLLET METHODIST HOSPITAL SENDS OUT CALL FOR HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS**

*Training begins in October*

**ST. LOUIS PARK, Minn., (September 2, 2009)** – Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital’s Hospice program will begin training volunteers in October. This dedicated team has a simple mission: to visit terminally ill patients in their home and provide them with quality care and compassionate comfort.

“Among other things, these volunteers provide the personal touch and respite care for patients and their families. Sharing your time and energy can truly make a difference for those in need,” says Libby Swanson, volunteer coordinator for outpatient hospice services.

The maximum time commitment is four hours per week and volunteers are needed weekdays during business hours. The hospice staff provides training on October 8th, 14th, 22nd and 29th. **Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should contact Libby Swanson at 952-993-5381.**

**Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital** is a 426-bed facility with more than 2,700 employees and 1,000 physicians on its medical staff. Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital is recognized as an area leader in cancer care, cardiovascular services, maternity care and neuro-rehabilitation medicine. Located in St. Louis Park, Methodist Hospital is part of Park Nicollet Health Services, an integrated care system that includes Park Nicollet Clinic, Park Nicollet Foundation and Park Nicollet Institute. Park Nicollet also is part owner of St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Shakopee.

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