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Archstone Foundation Grant Supports Hospice of Santa Barbara's Community Palliative Care Spiritual Care Program

Significant gift is first of its kind and follows California Hospice and Palliative Care Association Outstanding Program Achievement Award

October 11, 2011, Santa Barbara, CA— Hospice of Santa Barbara is pleased to announce it received a first-of-its-kind grant in the amount of \$33,000 from the Archstone Foundation. The grant will be used to support Hospice of Santa Barbara's new Spiritual Care Program in three areas: integrating spiritual care into the Community Palliative Care Service, deepening spiritual care for bereavement clients, and seeking new opportunities for spiritual care in the broader community, particularly in long-term care settings.

Hospice of Santa Barbara's Community Palliative Care Service is a collaborative effort with Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care and the Cancer Center of Santa Barbara. Working together, the Palliative Care Consultation team provides free pain and symptom management, emotional and spiritual support to patients and their families through a weekly clinic and home visits.

The Community Palliative Care Program was recently recognized with the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association Outstanding Program Achievement Award at the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's Clinical Team Conference in San Diego.

This grant from the Archstone Foundation enabled Hospice of Santa Barbara to hire two spiritual care counselors, the Rev. Laura L. Mancuso and the Rev. Susan Copeland.

"This generous grant ensures that a complete team of professionals can negotiate the complex effects of life-threatening disease, including the spiritual components facing patients and their families," said Steve Jacobsen, Executive Director of Hospice of Santa Barbara. "When people are facing the prospect of losing their lives and their loved ones, there is no pill or scan that can give them meaningful direction, purpose or peace. This reality highlights the importance of having spiritual care available to patients and their families who may desire it."

About the Archstone Foundation

The Archstone Foundation is a private grantmaking organization whose mission is to contribute toward the preparation of society in meeting the needs of an aging population. Under the leadership of Joseph F. Prevratil, J.D., President and CEO, the Archstone Foundation has awarded more than \$77 million in grants since it was established in 1986. The Foundation's funding priorities include end-of-life issues, elder abuse and neglect, fall prevention, and responsive grantmaking to address emerging issues within the aging population.

About Hospice of Santa Barbara

Hospice of Santa Barbara, Inc. is a volunteer hospice providing professional cost-free services to meet the emotional, social and spiritual needs of people facing the end of life or grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, please call (805) 563-8820 or visit www.hospiceofsantabarbara.org.

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