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### **HopeHealth CEO David W. Rehm Receives Maida Solomon Distinguished Career Award**

*Simmons School of Social Work Recognizes Alumni*

Hyannis, Mass. – HopeHealth announced that CEO and president David W. Rehm has been recognized by the Simmons School of Social Work as this year’s Maida Solomon Distinguished Career Award recipient. Each year Simmons Alumni Awards Committee, in collaboration with the School of Social Work, identifies three outstanding alumni whom they honor and publicly recognize.

Mr. Rehm was selected based on his over 36 years of service to the community and leadership as a social worker since his graduation from Simmons, and his distinguished career in end-of-life care with Hospice Care of Rhode Island, Lifespan Health System, Vistacare, Washington Home and Community Hospices, and most recently HopeHealth.

This award honors Mr. Rehm’s unique and distinguished contributions as a social worker, and provides Simmons with a chance to acknowledge and publicly recognize one of their prominent alumni. The alumni award is presented each year at the annual SSW Alumni & Professional Development Day, held this year on Saturday, March 21.

Stated Donald Schumacher, president & CEO of the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization, “I have had the privilege of knowing David for 25 years. Throughout his professional career, David’s kindness and compassionate care of the dying have been exemplary models of humanity. His degree in social work is the first brick in a professional wall that many would have liked to climb.”

“I am deeply honored to be recognized by the Simmons School of Social Work,” said David Rehm, CEO & president, HopeHealth. “It is truly gratifying to be acknowledged by my professional colleagues in this manner.”

Mr. Rehm is a nationally credentialed certified social worker (ACSW) with a Bachelor’s Degree from Brown University and a Master’s Degree from Simmons College School of Social Work.

He is a frequent speaker on end-of-life issues. Before becoming involved with hospice, as a licensed independent practitioner in psychiatric social work, Mr. Rehm served as associate director of the Kent County Mental Health Center and founded a private practice group that provided counseling services to children, adolescents and families. He held a faculty appointment to Brown University School of Medicine and has served on the boards of numerous organizations, including Rhode Island Partnership for Homecare, Mental Health Association of Rhode Island, AIDS Project Rhode Island, Governor's Council on AIDS, the Rape Crisis Center of Rhode Island, the National Hospice Work Group and as Chair of the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization's Legislative Committee.

For more information about the Maida Solomon Distinguished Career Award, visit [Simmons.edu](http://Simmons.edu).

#### About [HopeHealth](#)

HopeHealth, formerly known as Hospice & Palliative Care of Cape Cod, has been enhancing the quality of life for people experiencing serious illness and loss for more than 30 years. Today, the non-profit organization delivers a wide range of medical care, care management and support services throughout eastern Massachusetts. The HopeHealth family of services includes: Hope Hospice; Hope HouseCalls; Hope Dementia & Alzheimer's Services; Hope Care for Kids; Hope Community Care; and Hope Academy. In June 2014, the Massachusetts Pain Initiative affiliated with the organization. Learn more by calling (800) 642-2423 or visiting [HopeHealthCo.org](http://HopeHealthCo.org).

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