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HopeHealth Announces Special Community Program for Veterans *Caring for Veterans Experiencing the Impact of Serious Illness*

Hyannis, MA – HopeHealth announced it will host a special program for veterans entitled Caring for Veterans Experiencing the Impact of Serious Illness. The presentation is based on the principles of the We Honor Veterans (WHV) program. WHV is a partnership between the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the Veterans Administration that provides veterans with comfort and support at the end of life.

Knowing options for care when you have a serious illness is as important as having a will. Veterans — especially those who have seen combat — often have factors that prevent them from seeking the support they need. This presentation will provide the latest information regarding subjects such as emotional issues and community resources, as well as comfort, camaraderie and support. Information will be shared on how our region’s veterans and their families can draw on help from the community to experience the best possible quality of life.

Presenters from HopeHealth include Ellen McCabe, RN, CHPN, director of professional education, Ann Geagan, MSW, LICSW, director of bereavement, Melissa Weidman, director of community relations and outreach, and Steve Morrissey, veteran volunteer. This presentation is presented in collaboration with the Plymouth Veterans Services Office, Plymouth Senior Center and Old Colony Elder Services.

“HopeHealth is committed to increasing veterans’ access to compassionate, high quality care for those who are facing serious illness,” said David Rehm, HopeHealth’s CEO & president. “Over the years, we have worked with the area’s VA Medical Centers and other veterans’ service organizations to provide hospice care to local veterans. Now we are enhancing our programs to be better able to guide veterans and their families for the best quality of life they can have.”

Caring for Veterans Experiencing the Impact of Serious Illness will be held on Monday, May 11, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Plymouth Senior Center, 44 Nook Road, Plymouth. A continental breakfast will be served. All are welcome to attend and there is no charge. Space is limited, pre-registration is suggested. To register, visit HopeHealthCo.org/CaringforVets, email Info@HopeHealthCo.org or call (774) 487-3667.

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.

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