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**Professionals and Community Discover Valuable Resources at the End-of-Life Library**

*Cleveland, OH* (August 10, 2009) – The newly opened End-of-Life Library at Hospice of the Western Reserve offers free educational material and resources to healthcare professionals and the community. The End-of-Life Library boasts over 1,100 titles and expands its collection as information and demand about end-of-life care increases. This is the first library of its kind in Ohio.

Hospice of the Western Reserve's Hospice Institute established the End-of-Life Library to raise awareness about quality palliative care and to promote research about end-of-life issues. The End-of-Life Library has been pivotal in the movement to increase application of evidence-based practices in hospice and palliative care settings by providing materials that drive institutional policies and procedures to improve the quality of care.

Books and articles about hospice and palliative care, death, dying and bereavement, as well as specialized journals and archival material from the early days of the hospice movement make up the vast majority of The End-of-Life Library's collection. The materials aim to increase understanding, awareness and acceptance of the physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual transitions that occur at the end of life. A children's section supports Hospice of the Western Reserve's pediatric palliative care program and supplies information to providers with limited pediatric resources.

The End-of-Life Library offers free services to members of the healthcare community and the public. Those navigating complex end-of-life needs and issues benefit from personalized searches and data collection. In addition, the library Web site links to several databases, which assist researchers in identifying appropriate measurement instruments for studies.

Hospice of the Western Reserve's End-of-Life Library is available online ([http://www.hospicewr.org/Library\\_Search.asp](http://www.hospicewr.org/Library_Search.asp)) or by calling 216-383-3781.

**About Hospice of the Western Reserve:** Hospice of the Western Reserve is a community-based, non-profit agency providing comfort care and emotional support to seriously ill adults and children and their families, regardless of disease or ability to pay. Care is provided wherever the patient lives: in the home, a nursing facility, our hospice residential facility or a hospital. For more information, visit [www.hospicewr.org](http://www.hospicewr.org).

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*Editors Note: Members of the media seeking to access the library should call Paige Clowser, Media Relations, at 216-502-4460 or [pclowser@hospicewr.org](mailto:pclowser@hospicewr.org). Librarian, Suzanne Earle, is available for interviews.*