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HINDS HOSPICE PARTNERS WITH NATIONAL NONPROFIT STORYCORPS TO PRESERVE THE STORIES OF PEOPLE WITH LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS

January 26, 2012 – Fresno, CA – Hinds Hospice is partnering with StoryCorps Legacy, a program that provides people with life-threatening conditions and their families the opportunity to record, preserve, and share their stories. StoryCorps, the national nonprofit oral history project, partners with a variety of organizations, including disease-specific institutions, palliative care departments, and hospices to assist them in incorporating the reminiscence interview experience into their existing services. StoryCorps Legacy staff train and prepare partners to conduct and record interviews using equipment provided by StoryCorps. Participants will receive a copy of their interview to share with friends and family. A second copy will be archived at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

“Looking a loved one in the eyes and asking about his or her life is one of the greatest gifts we can give one another,” says StoryCorps founder and president Dave Isay. “The simple act of listening tells them how much they matter, and documenting that conversation for posterity tells them that they won’t be forgotten.”

“We all want to feel that our life had meaning and the world is better because we lived in it,” says Nancy Hinds, RN, founder and CEO of Hinds Hospice. “I feel this is true no matter what a person’s age. I believe that every moment we live has purpose. The legacy that StoryCorps offers is that it allows the most common or incredible stories to be told and to have permanence.”

StoryCorps representatives will be meeting with Hinds Hospice January 30-February 2 for orientation and training. Hinds Hospice staff and volunteers will collect stories beginning in February through April.

The StoryCorps Legacy is generously funded by the Pumpkin Trust.

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About Hinds Hospice

Established in 1981, Hinds Hospice serves California’s Fresno, Madera, and Merced County areas with numerous hospice care services for patients of all ages and afflictions. To date, Hinds Hospice has served over 15,000 patients. Hinds Hospice maintains the only inpatient Hospice Home between Bakersfield and Modesto, visits anywhere between 120-140 patients in their own homes, and runs a Pediatric Hospice Program for children with life-limiting conditions. Hinds Hospice also operates a Center for Grief and Healing and a rare perinatal hospice and infant loss program (Angel Babies/Bebitos Angelitos) in addition to Multicultural Outreach, formal Physician Education, and five thrift stores.

About StoryCorps

StoryCorps is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, preserve, and share their stories. Each week, millions of Americans listen to StoryCorps’ award-winning broadcasts on NPR’s *Morning Edition*. StoryCorps has published two *New York Times* bestsellers: *Listening Is an Act of Love* and *Mom: A Celebration of Mothers from StoryCorps*. For more information or to listen to stories online, visit storycorps.org.