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Children's Hospice International Program Director to Speak at Duke University

Alexandria, VA – Children's Hospice International today announced that Zohreh Saunders—Implementation Director for Children's Hospice International's Program for All-Inclusive Care for Children and Their Families (CHI PACC®)—will participate in the 4th Annual Duke Institute Symposium on Care at the End-of-Life. Titled *Suffer the Children: Caring for Children at the End-of- Life*, the symposium will be held in the Griffith Center at Duke University on May 29, 2003.

The symposium will feature a panel of experts and presentations on seven promising models and initiatives for pediatric end-of-life care. Four models to be presented are programs within existing healthcare institutions, while CHI PACC® and two other models will represent national initiatives. Previous Duke Institute symposia have attracted a wide number of physicians, nurses and other healthcare providers, liberal arts academics, clergy and theologians. Due to the timeliness and importance of this year's topic, parents and other pediatric experts from across the country are also expected to attend.

Former Utah Deputy Director of the Division of Child and Family Services, Saunders worked for the State of Utah in the Medicaid agency for 18 years where she developed and implemented a number of home and community-based waiver programs, the Utah pre-paid mental health plan, school-based services and other community-based programs for children and people with disabilities. Before assuming the position of CHI PACC® Implementation Director, Saunders headed up the Utah CHI PACC® project.

CHI PACC® is a program that supports children with life-threatening conditions and their families from time of diagnosis—with hope for a cure—through bereavement, if a cure is not attained. The program is currently being piloted in six states and at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

CHI® is an Alexandria, VA based non-profit organization founded in 1983 to promote hospice support through pediatric care facilities providing community-based programs and resources for children with life-threatening conditions and their families. CHI also provides education, training and technical assistance to the healthcare professionals who care for this patient population. CHI's website, www.chionline.org—which you are invited to visit—offers information on pediatric palliative and hospice care and an international directory of children's hospice, palliative and end-of-life programs and organizations.

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