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***Mount Carmel Health System Hospice and Palliative Care Awarded
Innovation Grant from Trinity Health***

Columbus — Mount Carmel Health System Hospice and Palliative Care will launch a service-improvement program with the help of an Innovation Grant received from Trinity Health. The program will develop and test a new model for identifying and providing palliative care for patients in the community.

The initiative will provide nurse and social work case management services for patients with advanced illnesses via phone or home visits and will use technology to promote care coordination, allowing providers to proactively identify patients who would benefit from palliative care.

"This model supports Mount Carmel's goal of providing high-quality, people-centered care," said Lori Yosick, Executive Director of Mount Carmel Hospice and Palliative Care. "By improving care coordination and supporting personal choice, it will also improve quality of life and prevent unnecessary hospitalizations."

In addition to focusing on patients and the community, the effort will focus inside the health system, developing and testing new clinical and reimbursement models for community based palliative care and addressing the testing and redefining of quality and financial outcomes.

"Right now there are gaps in the continuum of care for patients with chronic and advanced diseases," said Yosick. "We hope this program will help us create an advanced illness management program that fills the care gap between chronic disease care and hospice."

The Innovation Grant awards were established by Trinity Health to encourage innovative thinking and nurture an environment that is supportive of those trying transformational, new breakthrough - ideas. Trinity Health ministries are eligible for the grants, all aimed at funding innovative, high-impact models that otherwise might not be supported through routine improvement efforts.

To be eligible, programs must align with Trinity Health's mission and strategic direction and may be considered if they address inpatient and outpatient services, new products, automation and telemedicine. In 2015, each grantee was also required to demonstrate the project's support of people-centered care.

"Mount Carmel recognizes that the future of patient care will take place out in the community, not only within the hospital setting," said Scott Nordlund, Executive Vice President of Growth, Strategy and Innovation for Trinity Health. "We are delighted to support this innovative pilot program and look forward to celebrating its results."

More information about Mount Carmel Hospice and Palliative Care is available at www.mountcarmelhealth.com/hospice.

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About Mount Carmel Health System

A member of the Catholic Health Association and Trinity Health, Mount Carmel has been a leader in patient care for more than 125 years. Our team of more than 8,000 employees, 1,500 physicians and 1,000 volunteers provides an array of cutting-edge, patient-focused primary and specialty healthcare services at four central Ohio hospitals and a free standing emergency department – Mount Carmel East, Mount Carmel West, Mount Carmel St. Ann's, Mount Carmel New Albany and Mount Carmel Grove City. Mount Carmel also provides high-quality healthcare services at our surgery centers, multi-specialty physician group practices, ambulatory and urgent care centers, hospice, palliative care, home care services and through MediGold, a Medicare Advantage plan. Mount Carmel is dedicated to medical and nursing education and training as well, with six physician medical residency programs and the Mount Carmel College of Nursing – one of Ohio's largest baccalaureate nursing degree programs.

About Trinity Health

Trinity Health is one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. It serves people and communities in 21 states with 84 hospitals, 130 continuing care facilities and home health and hospice programs that provide nearly 2.8 million visits annually. With annual operating revenues of about \$13.6 billion and assets of about \$19.3 billion, the organization returns almost \$900 million to its communities annually in the form of charity care and other community benefit programs. Trinity Health employs about 89,000 people, including 3,300 employed physicians. Committed to those who are poor and underserved in its communities, Trinity Health is known for its focus on the country's aging population. As a single, unified ministry, the organization is the innovator of Senior Emergency Departments, the largest not-for-profit provider of home health care services —ranked by number of visits — in the nation, as well as the nation's leading provider of PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) based on the number of available programs. For more information, visit www.trinity-health.org. You can also follow @TrinityHealthMI on Twitter