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The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey To Host Hospice Foundation of America's 15th Annual Teleconference

Conference will focus on Living With Grief[®]: Children and Adolescents

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Galloway Twp., NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will host the Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) 15th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference. Each year HFA presents a nationally recognized distance learning program, live via satellite and webcast, to more than 125,000 people in 2,000 communities. For more than a decade, this annual educational program has been instrumental in educating health care professionals and families on issues affecting end-of-life care. The programs provide an opportunity for a wide variety of professionals – including doctors, nurses, funeral directors, psychologists, educators, social workers and bereavement counselors – to share and exchange ideas and obtain continuing education credits.

This year HFA's 15th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference focuses on "Children and Adolescents," specifically on the experience of grieving children and adolescents and the ways in which all hospice professionals, educators, counselors, parents, social workers, physicians, funeral directors, and clergy members can best support these populations as they cope with loss and grief. Moderated by Frank Sesno, Professor of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University and Special Correspondent with CNN, the program will be broadcast Wednesday, April 16, 2008 from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm EDT. Registration cost is \$26, and includes a light lunch. Call (609) 652-4227 to register or go to www.stockton.edu/hshs and click on 'Conferences'.

Mr. Sesno will lead the panel of noted authorities that includes: Kenneth J. Doka, Ph.D., M.Div. from The College of New Rochelle, Nancy Hogan, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N. from **Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing**, Rita Milburn-Dobson, M.A., R.N.C., F.T. from Precious Gems Supportive Services, Laura E. Olague, M.Ed., C.T. from Children's Grief Center, Stacy F. Orloff, Ed.D. L.C.S.W. from The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast, and J. William Worden, Ph.D., A.B.P.P. from Harvard Childhood Bereavement Study.

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The distinguished panel of ethicists, educators and hospice experts will focus on the experiences of grieving children and adolescents and the ways that all hospice professionals, educators and counselors, parents, social workers, physicians, grief counselors, funeral directors, and clergy can best support these populations as they cope with loss and grief.

Each year this award-winning, televised broadcast is seen in more than 2,000 communities across North America, reaching an estimated live audience of 150,000 people. The broadcast is sponsored in part by a grant from the Foundation for End-of-Life Care, and produced in cooperation with the Adventist Communications Network, the [Association for Death Education and Counseling](#), the [National Association of Social Workers](#), the Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Education System, and [The Compassionate Friends](#).

The teleconference is produced by Hospice Foundation of America, a not-for-profit organization, which acts as an advocate for the hospice concept of care through ongoing programs of professional education, public information and research on issues relating to illness, loss, grief and bereavement.

News media are encouraged to attend. For more information, please call Cynthia Sosnowski at (609) 652-4959.

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