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MT|SHRM and the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce Announce 2011 HR Excellence Award Winners

NASHVILLE, TN: (May 26, 2011) – Hospice Compassus won top honors in the ninth annual HR Excellence Program hosted by the Middle Tennessee Society of Human Resource Management (MT|SHRM) and the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce. Winners will be recognized at a luncheon on Thursday, June 23, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Airport Embassy Suites.

The 2011 HR Facet of Excellence Award went to Hospice Compassus for Human Resource Strategies. Hospice Compassus is a family of community-based hospices that have a common culture based on three core values: compassion, integrity and excellence.

Launched in 2002, the HR Excellence Program recognizes organizations in Middle Tennessee with outstanding human resources programs. Businesses are invited to self-nominate for the honor each year and are evaluated on proficiency in five areas: strategy; management practices; employee education, training and development; performance measurement; and employee well-being and engagement. The Facet of HR Excellence Award recognizes excellence in one of the above five criteria. Sponsors of the 2011 HR Excellence Award program include Lee Hecht Harrison, Humana, Nashville Business Journal, Ogletree Deakins, The Work Institute and Lipscomb University.

Denis Blackwelder, Vice President at Paradigm Group says, “At the 2011 HR Excellence Luncheon, attendees will have a great opportunity to learn from Margaret Morford President for The HR Edge, Inc. Margaret will focus on her most recent book, “The Hidden Language of Business – Workplace Politics, Power and Influence”. This is a must attend event for business leaders and HR Professionals.

To help other Middle Tennessee companies improve their HR departments, leaders from Hospice Compassus will share their best HR practices with other companies during a workshop on August 16 at Lipscomb University.

For more information about the HR Excellence Awards luncheon or to register, visit www.mtshrm.org or www.nashvillechamber.com. Cost for Nashville Area Chamber or MT|SHRM members is \$35 in advance; \$50 after June 20. Cost for non-members is \$40 in advance; \$50 after June 20. Corporate tables are also available. Please contact Katie Guenther at katieguenther@mtshrm.org for more information about reserving a table.

About the Middle Tennessee Society for Human Resource Management:

The Middle Tennessee Society for Human Resource Management (MT|SHRM) is a not for profit association with more than 1,000 Human Resource (HR) professionals practicing in business, education and government. MT|SHRM has been recognized consistently by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) as a Superior Merit Award Chapter for excellence in operations and service to members. For more information visit the MT|SHRM website at www.mtshrm.org.

About the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce:

The Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce is Middle Tennessee's largest business federation, representing 2,000 member companies. Belong, engage, lead, prosper embodies what the Chamber focuses on for its members. Together with its affiliates, the Nashville Chamber works to strengthen the region's business climate and enhance Nashville's position as a desirable place to live, work and visit. For more information, visit www.nashvillechamber.com.