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**Help for Grieving Children & Adolescents  
*A Special Teleconference***

*April 7, 2008* – Hospice of The Gorge, a non-profit end-of-life care agency, invites the public to a national teleconference they are hosting in the local area, titled: *Living with Grief: Children and Adolescents*.

The conference will be held at Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital on April 16 from 10:30 – 1:30, in the education center. The event is free of charge. Due to limited seating, advance registration is urged. Call Christine Jones at 541-387-6449 to be sure of getting a seat.

The conference is geared toward the needs of professionals such as physicians, social workers, grief counselors and educators. Parents and other lay people are also invited. Professionals attending the conference can obtain continuing education credit for a small fee of \$25 per certificate.

The teleconference is produced by Hospice Foundation of America (HFA), 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. This is their 15<sup>th</sup> annual grief teleconference.

Gretchen Hagen, Executive Director for Hospice of The Gorge, says she is pleased that Hospice of The Gorge is able to sponsor this event in the local area, and she thanks Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital for hosting the location.

“Education is an important part of our mission. Our goal is to help people have the best possible end-of-life journey they can have — and just as important, to help their families and loved ones learn how to cope. We thank Providence for their help and support.”

The teleconference features a distinguished panel of nationally-recognized authorities on end-of-life issues, including: Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, MDiv from The College of New Rochelle; Nancy Hogan, PhD, RN, FAAN from Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing; Rita Milburn-Dobson, MA, RNC, FT from Precious Gems Supportive Services; Laura E. Olague, MEd, CT from Children’s Grief Center; Stacy F. Orloff, EdD LCSW from The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast; and J. William Worden, PhD, ABPP from Harvard Childhood Bereavement Study. Frank Sesno, Professor of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University and Special Correspondent with CNN, will be moderating the panel.

For more information or to reserve your seat, please call conference organizer Christine Jones at Hospice of The Gorge, 541-387-6449.

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Hospice of The Gorge is a non-profit organization that has provided compassionate end-of-life care, *with love, since 1981*. The oldest and largest hospice in the Mid-Columbia region, it serves eight counties, including Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Wheeler, Skamania and Klickitat. It is certified by Medicare and the State of Oregon, is licensed in Washington, and is a member in good standing with state and national hospice associations.