November is National Home Care and Hospice Month

St. Joseph, MO — November is recognized by the National Association for Home Care & Hospice as National Home Care and Hospice Month. According to Mark Elliott Miller, MPH, Administrator of Community Health for Midland Empire Resources for Independent Living (MERIL), which operates Angels Home Health, it is a time for celebration.

“Home health care and hospice nurses, rehabilitation therapists and social workers help home-bound individuals to fully live life,” Miller explained. “They follow doctors’ orders to help those who have had surgeries or have illnesses either improve in health or manage pain and symptoms of diseases at the end of life.” Both home health care and hospice are complementary since they focus on the individual patient’s unique health needs. “While Angels Home Health does not provide hospice care directly,” Miller concluded, “we, at times, work with physicians and families to access this caring service from a number of quality agencies.”

For more information about home care or hospice, visit the National Association for Home Care & Hospice at www.nahc.org. To schedule a speaker for your community organization or house of worship on home-based care, contact Miller at 816-364-0900.

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