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**Ohio Council for Home Care & Hospice Partners with The HAP Foundation
to Increase Value for Members in 2024**

Ohio Council for Home Care & Hospice has engaged in a partnership with [The HAP Foundation](#) to increase value for members through educational courses, advocacy support, and grant opportunities. OCHCH will leverage The HAP Foundation's administrative counsel and advice to health care organizations through its team of expert leaders in hospice, palliative care, and serious illness care.

“Our partnership with The HAP Foundation will bring creative and innovative concepts to the Council, in addition to bolstering the core principles behind hospice care and what it stands for,” said Lisa Von Lehmden, Executive Director of OCHCH. “The experts at HAP will participate in the [OCHCH Expert Panel](#) and work as an extension of our team to deliver the support and services that our members expect and deserve.”

“This is an exciting opportunity to share our knowledge and expertise with our partners at the Ohio Council for Home Care & Hospice,” said Joseph P. Matty, President of The HAP Foundation. “As we both aim to strengthen support for hospice and home care providers and patients throughout the Midwest, this partnership will build on the important work the Ohio Council for Home Care & Hospice have been doing for many years.”

This year, OCHCH aims to deliver a robust [educational calendar](#) for members to invest in their workforce. There will be a variety of timely and valuable topics for member education among the full schedule of available offerings. With HAP's support, OCHCH is exploring opportunities to expand its Continuing Education approved content to members with certain care credentials.

The HAP Foundation will support OCHCH in their efforts to grow its membership community, expand sustainable funding pathways such as grants and corporate partnerships, consider research initiatives within the field, and develop new programming with implementation assistance. Additionally, The HAP Foundation will support the relaunch of OCHCH's foundation, The Center for Community Based Care.

As an independent nonprofit organization that supports adults and children living with serious illnesses, The HAP Foundation will support OCHCH and its members with experts that have

hospice and palliative care experience, understand the industry landscape to support the operations, education, and advocacy efforts of partner coalitions, collaborations, and associations committed to improving serious illness care.

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About the Ohio Council for Home Care & Hospice:

Established in 1965, the Ohio Council for Home Care & Hospice (OCHCH) is a non-profit association that represents the interests of health care at home providers in Ohio. OCHCH advocates for ethical, compassionate, and quality home and community-based care, as well as for the individuals and families our members serve. As the voice of health care at home, we strive to provide value, resources, and partnership for those who provide care for our most vulnerable citizens. ochch.org

About The HAP Foundation:

The HAP Foundation is an independent nonprofit that provides education, advocacy, workforce development, and research on hospice, palliative care, and grief for all ages. With four decades rooted in direct patient care, it currently focuses on educating communities and professionals on hospice and palliative care; engaging in community-based research to better understand and impact disparities in hospice, palliative care, and grief support; expanding the workforce in serious illness care through apprenticeship and continuing education for providers; and advancing policies that assist individuals and families during end of life. The HAP Foundation also offers association management and consulting services for health care organizations. thehapfoundation.org