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**Hospice Circle of Love Social Worker Recognized as “The Best”**

Hospice Circle of Love Social Worker Lynn Curl has been named the 2011 Oklahoma Hospice and Palliative Care Association Social Worker of the year. Lynn was recognized at a banquet on October 19<sup>th</sup> during the OHPCA annual conference.

Curl has been making life easier for hospice patients and their families in her role at Hospice Circle of Love since 1996. Her daily accomplishments vary greatly from assisting with paperwork to identifying local resources. One day she might be getting a local dentist to make a house call and the next working to keep someone’s electricity from being shut off when they can’t pay their electric bill. Other examples of her work include assisting with funeral plans or a DNR order or sending letters to out-of-town employers asking that a daughter or son be granted leave from their job to take care of a parent who is on hospice.

Lynn was singled out by the Veteran’s Administration in 1998 for the countless hours she had put in to assisting patients and families with filling out paperwork for VA Benefits. They presented her with a certificate at a special ceremony. In one year alone, Lynn was responsible for helping families receive over \$200,000.00 in benefits from the VA.

Lynn’s co-workers are often impressed with the impact she makes on hospice patients and their families. “Lynn never shirks from helping out. She has a special touch and it shows in all she does,” commented co-work Lenora Beckwith, RN.

Hospice Circle of Love has had a volunteer or employee win an OHPCA award 4 out of the last 7 years. The non-profit organization cares for terminally ill patients in the home or nursing home throughout a 60 mile radius of Enid.

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