

Pennock Hospice Clinical Coordinator Receives MHPCO's Michigan Dream Team Award of Excellence for Hospice Clinical Patient Coordinator for 2009

Linda Steenwyk, Hospice Clinical Coordinator for Pennock Hospice, was the recipient of Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's (MHPCO) 2009 Michigan Award of Excellence for Clinical Patient Coordinator. The award was presented in Bay City, Michigan, on March 31, 2009, during the annual convention.

This award honors hospice employees who are performing quality initiatives and working with "Best Practices" to improve the quality of life, safety, and comfort for hospice patients. The award honors employees and agencies like Pennock Hospice that are actively engaged in improving care in many areas including: patient comfort, alleviation, and control of symptoms, such as pain, nausea, vomiting, and anxiety; and other symptoms that hospice patients encounter. The award committee looks for employees who are passionate about their work and have a mission and vision for hospice care.

During the awards ceremony, Linda expressed her belief by commenting, "Even in the face of death, there is hope that we can find meaning and purpose in whatever we may be experiencing and we can enjoy each day for the blessings that God has granted." Cindy Poort, RN, Hospice Director, stated, "It is Linda's passion and clinical imperative to relieve the suffering of those with incurable diseases, and it is her personal sacrifice to be the one who facilitates that relief that sets her apart from others in the delivery of quality patient care."

