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Aging with Dignity Salutes National Family Caregivers Month

– AWD President *praises caregiver dedication; Urges full participation in November activities; Says Five Wishes helps all patients express what good care means to them* –

Tallahassee – Paul Malley, President, Aging with Dignity, announced the national non-profit organization’s enthusiastic endorsement and support of National Family Caregivers Month, celebrated each November.

“We salute the 50 million family caregivers across the country whose devotion literally makes a difference every day,” Malley said. “They are the good sons, daughters, mothers, fathers and spouses who support human dignity at all stages of life.”

National Family Caregivers Month is a nationally recognized time to thank, support, educate and empower the family caregivers across the country currently providing over \$375 billion in “free” caregiving services. Family caregivers provide more than 80% of all home care services.

Malley noted that many families use the *Five Wishes* advance directive to help them better meet the medical, personal and spiritual needs of the patient in their care. The document is available in 23 languages; more than 13 million copies are in national circulation.

National Family Caregivers Month

The following information is supplied by the National Family Caregivers Association

- [Register](#): Free November 12, 2009 Caregiving Teleclass/Webinar
- [Celebrate](#): Top Ten Ways to Celebrate National Family Caregivers Month
- [New Stamp](#): Petition to create new U.S. postal stamp to honor family caregivers
- [National Family Caregivers Month Endorsing Organizations](#)

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