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**TRINITY HOSPICE EARNS FINALIST STATUS IN 10 CATEGORIES OF
FOURTH ANNUAL AMERICAN BUSINESS AWARDSSM COMPETITION**

Company One of Three with Highest Number of Finalists

DALLAS ... May 18, 2006 ... Trinity Hospice, Inc., the nation's seventh largest hospice care provider, announced today that the company earned finalist status in 10 categories of the fourth annual American Business AwardsSM competition. It is ranked among the top three companies with the highest number of finalists.

Hailed as "the business world's own Oscars" by the *New York Post* (April 27, 2005), The American Business Awards are the first national, all-encompassing business awards program honoring exemplary performances in the workplace. More than 1,500 nominations from companies ranging in size and representing virtually every industry were submitted for consideration across 50+ categories.

Trinity was named a finalist in the following categories of the 2006 American Business Awards: best overall company; best business turnaround; best turnaround executive and best executive (president and chief executive officer Steven T. Plochocki); best finance executive (Dino Eliopoulos, chief financial officer and chief operating officer); best support organization (led by Sandi Petersen, R.N., M.SN., CLNC, Trinity's chief nursing officer); best support staffer (Tanya L. Thompson, executive assistant); best agency, brokerage, or satellite office or facility (Biloxi office, headed by Linda K. Rogers, program administrator and Julie Collins, regional vice president of operations); best plant, facility, or satellite office manager (Linda K. Rogers, program administrator-Biloxi); and best salesperson (Meri D. Forbush, senior hospice consultant).

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“The American Business Awards is an important competition for a rapidly growing company like ours in that it recognizes organizations, employees and corporate accomplishments across many sectors of business. We are certainly ecstatic about our ability to be named a finalist in 10 different categories of the competition,” said Steven T. Plochocki, Trinity’s president and chief executive officer.

“This is indicative of the outstanding efforts demonstrated by our team during 2005 throughout various levels of the organization. We are extremely proud of the achievements of all our finalists,” Plochocki concluded.

Last year, in the 2005 American Business Awards competition, Trinity’s Phoenix branch was named best agency, brokerage or satellite office or facility for its rapid growth and emergence as a leading hospice care provider in the Phoenix area.

Nicknamed the Stevies[®] for the Greek word “crowned,” the 2006 American Business Awards will be presented at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Times Square, New York, on Monday, June 12, 2006, at an awards banquet, which begins at 5:00 PM local time. The awards ceremonies will be video cast live on the Internet by HB Group. BusinessTalkRadio Network will broadcast the awards ceremony nationwide on the radio and also simulcast them worldwide via the Internet. Ali Velshi, a business news anchor for *CNN*, who regularly contributes business features and updates for “*The Bottom Line*” segment of the network’s afternoon program, *The Situation Room*, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Michael Gallagher, founder and president of The Stevie Awards, discussed the competition and Trinity’s ranking: “During the past four years, the Stevie Awards have emerged as the most coveted business honor in America. The fact that Trinity Hospice’s nominations earned finalist status in 10 categories is an extraordinary feat. Essentially, independent judges representing business sectors spanning the country reviewed the nominations and deemed Trinity’s results worthy of consideration for national recognition. We congratulate all of the finalists on their achievements, and wish them well in the competition.”

Members of the Awards' Board of Distinguished Judges and Advisors and their staffs will select StevieTM winners from among the finalists. The Board includes, among many others, business luminaries such as Donald Trump, chairman, president and chief executive

officer, The Trump Organization; Rich Karlgaard, publisher of Forbes; James Spanfeller, president and chief executive officer, Forbes.com, Inc.; Drew Schutte, publisher of Wired magazine; Anthony Robbins, chairman and chief executive officer of The Anthony Robbins Companies; David Hoffmann, chairman and chief executive officer at DHR International; Michelle Peluso, president and chief executive officer at Travelocity; Tom Peters, best-selling author and business guru; Han Tjan, vice president, DaimlerChrysler Corporation; and Carl Wilson, executive vice president and chief information officer at Marriott International, Inc.

The American Business Awards created The Stevies programs to honor companies of all types and sizes as well as the people behind them, recognizing outstanding leadership, innovation, perseverance, creativity, teamwork and integrity across more than 50+categories. R. S. Owens, creators of both the Oscar and the Emmy, designed the Stevie™ trophy. Details about The American Business Awards and the list of finalists are available at www.stevieawards.com/aba.

Dallas-based Trinity Hospice offers palliative care and support services to terminally ill patients and their families. The company provides quality, comprehensive hospice care while remaining focused on meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of terminally ill patients and their loved ones. Since its 1998 founding, Trinity has rapidly expanded through internal growth and acquisition. Today, the company operates from 24 locations across nine states. Please visit www.trinityhospice.com to learn more.

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