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**TRINITY HOSPICE, INC. RECIPIENT OF TWO**  
**TULSA 25 BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

TULSA, Okla. ... March 17, 2005 ... Trinity Hospice, Inc., the nation's sixth largest hospice care provider, announced today that the company has received two Tulsa 25 Business Excellence Awards from *TulsaPeople* magazine.

Each year, *TulsaPeople*, through its awards competition, honors local companies spanning five categories: leadership; innovation; corporate citizenship; revenue growth and employee growth. Trinity Hospice received awards in both the leadership and employee growth awards categories in this year's annual Tulsa 25 Business Excellence Awards competition.

The *TulsaPeople* leadership award recognized Trinity's regional vice president of operations Trish Brooks for her exemplary leadership skills within the hospice community. The award acknowledged Brooks' commitment to hospice care, a career she chose when her father was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Throughout her career, Brooks has developed leadership skills in both the technical and financial aspects of hospice care. Brooks, who joined Trinity in 1998, oversees operations for Trinity's locations throughout Oklahoma and Kansas. She is a former surgical and ICU nurse and a nursing school graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma. She resides in Broken Arrow, Okla.

The employee growth award was bestowed to Trinity for the rapid, dramatic expansion of its team. Between 2001 and 2003, the company nearly doubled its workforce from 313 to 587. The increase in the Trinity network was key to fueling the company's growth and local market presence. During the past several years, the company has grown to 26 locations across nine states, staffed with a range of experts who care for terminal patients nearing the end of life. The Trinity professionals at each location include nurses, social workers, home health aides, bereavement counselors, chaplains, medical directors and a team of volunteers. Currently, the company employs about 800.

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“At Trinity, we employ a team of relentless, dedicated professionals. It truly takes a very special person - one with a ‘hospice heart’ - to provide the support, care and companionship at the end-of-life. We value the efforts put forth by our employees and are grateful that *TulsaPeople* recognized their contributions to the various communities they serve,” commented Steven T. Plochocki, chief executive officer.

Trinity Hospice is the nation's sixth largest hospice provider offering palliative care to terminally ill patients and support services for their families, based in Tulsa, Okla. Since its founding in 1998, the company has rapidly expanded to 26 locations in nine states through internal growth and acquisition. Trinity Hospice is well positioned to capture additional market share through its offering of comprehensive care that addresses the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of terminally ill patients and their families. Please visit [www.trinityhospice.com](http://www.trinityhospice.com) for more information.

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