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VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES VNA WEEK

-- National Visiting Nurse Association Week from May 6 – 12 --

APRIL 24, 2008, OMAHA, NE – Visiting Nurse Association will commemorate “National Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) Week” from May 6 – 12. VNA Week aims to raise public awareness about home healthcare and the critical role visiting nurses play in providing comprehensive, affordable services in Omaha, Council Bluffs, and surrounding communities.

National VNA Week was declared to recognize those nurses, clinicians and healthcare professional dedicated to the VNA mission.

The VNA employs more than 330 staff and cares for more than 60,000 patients in Omaha, Council Bluffs, and surrounding communities each year. The agency provides home healthcare for patients of all ages with services including home care, IV therapy, rehabilitation therapies, medical social work, home health aide, hospice, flu prevention, HomeAide in-home assistance and personal care, services for families with infants and young children, and community/public health services to the residents of our communities.

“We are proud that for more than 100 years the VNA have brought high-quality, affordable, community-based healthcare services to people in the comfort of their homes,” said James Summerfelt, VNA President & CEO. “National VNA Week honors visiting nurses in Omaha and Council Bluffs and their continued commitment to providing critical healthcare services to local residents.”

“Most people prefer the comfort and security of home for recovering from an illness or injury, and visiting nurses help provide home healthcare services that range from highly skilled and technical nursing care including rehabilitation, to assistance with the essential activities of daily living,” said Summerfelt.

Home care is a cost-effective alternative to expensive care settings, such as hospitals and nursing homes.

For more information about National VNA Week and services provided by VNA, call (402) 342-5566 or visit www.vnaomaha.org. VNA is a member of the Visiting Nurse Associations of America (VNAA), the official national association of non-profit home and community healthcare providers. For more information about VNAA, please visit www.vnaa.org.

About VNA

The Visiting Nurse Association supports the dignity and well-being of Omaha and Council Bluffs residents by delivering the highest quality home care, IV therapy, hospice, and community/public health services wherever our clients call home. Our compassionate staff provides care to all individuals regardless of age, color, creed, neighborhood, or ability to pay. For more than 100 years, the VNA remains true to its mission to develop and maintain innovative programs that bring comfort and healing to the sick, frail, young, injured and the dying. Our overall goal is to provide peace of mind, quality of life, and independence for the client, their family, and their loved ones.

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