

Message from Cindy Susienka, President and CEO, Golden Innovations:

I am pleased to announce that AseraCare Hospice's Joanne Jones received First Prize in the Nature category for her photography submission to the 2008 National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's (NHPCO) Annual Photography/Writing/Film Contest. Joanne has a degree in social work and is currently a part-time bereavement coordinator based out of our Atlanta office.

Joanne submitted her photograph, titled "Rays of Hope," and it was selected as the top picture submission among more than 250 entries.

Joanne's use of nature in her photograph conveys the hope and compassion that she provides each and every day to her hospice patients, their families and among her fellow AseraCare Hospice colleagues. Joanne's eye for beautiful photography allowed her to win this recognition four years ago as well! All of the contest winners, from the different categories, will have their artwork displayed at NHPCO's Clinical Team Conference in Dallas, TX, October 23-25, 2008.

Joanne is receiving a Marketplace gift certificate. This gift certificate allows her to purchase items from NHPCO's Web site, from books to promotional items to other hospice resource tools. Joanne is donating her gift certificate to AseraCare Hospice so the money can be used to purchase clinical resources for her co-workers.

Please join me in congratulating Joanne on this outstanding recognition. It is an example of her devotion to her patients and her team commitment to AseraCare Hospice.