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**Stoughton Resident Receives Outstanding Hospice Volunteer Award
At National Conference in Dallas**

November is National Hospice Awareness Month

(Stoughton, MA) John Camara, a long-time volunteer with Old Colony Hospice was presented with the *Volunteers are the Foundation of Hospice Award* at the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's 9th Clinical Team Conference in Dallas on October 25, 2008. This award recognizes a hospice volunteer who has demonstrated outstanding levels of commitment, achievement and excellence.

"One of the most important things we can do as individuals in this field is to recognize those who give of their time and talents and embody the hospice philosophy in their service to others," remarked J. Donald Schumacher, NHPCO president and CEO. "These award recipients serve as inspirations to us all and represent the invaluable contributions made by volunteers at hospices across our nation."

John has been an active and dedicated volunteer at Old Colony Hospice for more than 18 years. John commits his time and caring to Old Colony Hospice each week because he is grateful for the comfort and compassion the organization provided to his daughter and the family during her illness. He volunteers an average of 8 to 10 hours per week.

As a proud Veteran, John has been intimately involved in a unique award-winning program dedicated to honoring patients Old Colony Hospice cares for who also served their county. "Our Veteran Volunteer Program is the first in the nation and John has worked tirelessly to ensure its success. We are so proud of this national recognition of a member of our organization," said Jim Marsh, Chairman of Old Colony's Board of Directors.

Recipients are nominated by local hospice organizations and are reviewed by the National Council of Hospice and Palliative Professionals. This is the highest recognition for hospice volunteers presented by hospice professionals at the national level.

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[Left to Right: John Camara, award recipient, and
LaDonna Gatlin, plenary speaker at NHPCO conference]

