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Hildegard House Wins National Award and \$100,000 for Community Initiative

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Louisville non-profit recognized by Premier Inc. for improving end-of-life care for those in need

CHARLOTTE, N.C. & LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Hildegard House, a non-profit organization providing a home and compassionate care for individuals at the end of life in Louisville, has received the 26th annual **Monroe E. Trout Premier Cares Award** and a \$100,000 cash prize from **Premier Inc.** (NASDAQ: PINC), a leading healthcare improvement company.

Sponsored by Premier and its alliance of approximately 3,900 hospitals and health systems and approximately 150,000 other provider organizations, the Premier Cares Award recognizes exemplary efforts by not-for-profit community organizations to improve the health of populations in need.

"Providing wellness and comfort to a patient population that is often overlooked, Hildegard House sets an excellent example for Premier's alliance and the healthcare industry overall," said Susan DeVore, President and CEO, Premier. "We are humbled by and feel honored to recognize their warm and loving efforts to support people on their journey to peace."

Hildegard House, Kentucky's first and only comfort care home, is a home for those in need of support throughout the dying process so that they may die with dignity. Hildegard House provides personalized care to each resident without charge. As with any home, meals, laundry, housekeeping and companionship are part of the care services that Hildegard House provides. More than 60 volunteers commit to at least five hours per week of tender, compassionate and personal care to the home's residents as they die with dignity. Hildegard House partners with

local hospice agency Hosparus Health to ensure each resident can access hospice services.

“No one should have to die alone,” said Karen Cassidy, Executive Director of Hildegard House. “Our mission is to provide a home-like setting to those who don’t have any caregivers or a home so that they can access hospice services. In our home, every individual has access to comfort, dignity and someone who cares. With the help of our community and volunteers, we are a place of emotional, spiritual and social support for our residents. Thank you to Premier for recognizing the incredible work of the Hildegard House’s Compassionate Companions. We are thrilled to receive this award, as well as the funds that will be used to ensure every moment is a special and comfortable one for those nearing the end of life.”

Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and Phil Marshall, President of Hosparus Health, a Hildegard House partner, recognized Hildegard House for the Premier Cares Award on July 3, 2018 during a press conference held at the home. Hildegard House was also recognized in front of more than 4,500 healthcare industry peers on June 21, 2018 at Premier’s annual Breakthroughs conference.

A panel of national healthcare leaders from the Premier alliance selects the Premier Cares Award winner each year. The program spotlights community-based healthcare initiatives and helps other organizations learn to replicate the unique programs, as well as provides funding support to help winners further improve their programs. The program has provided more than \$3 million to more than 100 organizations nationwide.

About Hildegard House

Hildegard House provides a home and compassionate care for individuals at the end of life who have no home or loved ones to care for them so that they may die with dignity. At Hildegard House, each resident has access to hospice services. Compassionate companions are family to those who have no loved ones to care for them during this sacred time. Hildegard House provides short-term, end-of- life care to adults of all ages. Filling a critical gap in care without duplicating services, they serve people of all faiths and those of no faith. Hildegard House’s services are free as a 501(c)3 charitable organization with a mission of compassion and hospitality that is entirely funded by donations. www.hildegardhouse.org

About the Premier Cares Award

Premier has presented the Cares Award annually since 1991, when it was created by Dr. Monroe E. Trout, former CEO of American Healthcare Systems, one of Premier’s heritage organizations. The program has provided more than \$3 million to more than 100 organizations nationwide. The competition is open to not-for-profit organizations that have been in existence for more than two years, are providing creative solutions to health status improvement, can provide documentation of outcomes and impact on a specific population, and have programs that can be

replicated in other communities. www.premierinc.com/caresaward

About Premier Inc.

Premier Inc. (NASDAQ: PINC) is a leading healthcare improvement company, uniting an alliance of approximately 3,900 U.S. hospitals and 150,000 other provider organizations. With integrated data and analytics, collaboratives, supply chain solutions, and advisory and other services, Premier enables better care and outcomes at a lower cost. Premier, a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipient, plays a critical role in the rapidly evolving healthcare industry, collaborating with members to co-develop long-term innovations that reinvent and improve the way care is delivered to patients nationwide. Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Premier is passionate about transforming American healthcare. Please visit Premier's news and investor sites on www.premierinc.com.

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