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Center for Hope Hospice Shares Insights into Hospice Care with Nursing Professor from South Korea

*Myung-Sook Yoo, RN, PhD, Who Founded a Hospice in S. Korea, Observed Nursing Care, Tended to Hospice Patients at Peggy's House* 

SCOTCH PLAINS, N.J., March 8, 2018 – The <u>Center for Hope Hospice</u> recently hosted Dr. Myung-Sook Yoo, a professor at Daegu Catholic University's Department of Nursing in Daegu, South Korea. Myung traveled to the U.S. in January with eight nursing students who came to learn about clinical care in the United States as part of an international studies program. Myung, who started a hospice program in Daegu in 2017, spent two days shadowing nurses and tending to residents at Peggy's House, the Center for Hope's residential facility in Scotch Plains.

The trip and Myung's experience at Peggy's House was arranged through the International Training and Professional Studies department (ITPS) of Bloomfield College, which hosts groups of Korean nursing students several times a year. Through their U.S. clinical experiences and college studies, the students gain valuable knowledge about American health care and improve their English language skills to bolster their nursing studies and become nursing leaders in their country. The students observed nursing and medical care at Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center in Secaucus while Myung was at Peggy's House.

Janet Moreno, office coordinator of ITPS, said of Myung's visit that, "She was blown away with Peggy's House and the Center for Hope Hospice, as hospices in Korea are often located in a hospital unit. She left with such a fulfilled heart and so much knowledge thanks to the Center's wonderful staff, and was eager to return home to share her experience with her co-workers and students."

"It was such an honor for our staff to share with Dr. Myung what we do here every day," said Frank Brady, President of the Center for Hope. "It was also deeply gratifying to know that our model of care was of such professional and personal interest to another hospice professional."

The Center for Hope Hospice offers hospice and palliative care at Peggy's House and Father Hudson House in Elizabeth, as well as in patients' homes and other medical and long-term care settings. For more information, visit <u>www.cfhh.org</u> or call (908) 889-7780.

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