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**Visiting Nurse Health System receives sizeable donations through estate planning**  
*Three recent planned gifts from donors exceed \$2.5 million*

**Atlanta, November 15, 2012** – Visiting Nurse Health System today announced receipt of planned gifts from three donors totaling more than \$2.5 million. With the rising need for healthcare provided in the home, donations such as these have a tremendous impact on the services offered by Visiting Nurse Health System, enabling them to continue to provide quality charitable care.

Mrs. Elkin Goddard Alston's involvement with Visiting Nurse Health System began in the late 1980s when she was instrumental in building connections between hospice programs at Visiting Nurse and what was then Egleston Children's Hospital. Her generous gift will be used for the new Hospice Atlanta Center Preservation Fund, which will support ongoing maintenance and capital improvements. Mrs. Alston's support will help ensure that the Hospice Atlanta Center remains an extraordinary place of comfort and care for patients and their families.

Mr. O.W. Hogan, Jr. enjoyed life to its fullest and was regarded by his friends and family as a considerate, generous and kind man. He served in the Navy as a supply officer in the South Pacific during World War II. When Mr. Hogan's business partner suddenly passed away, he continued to manage the business out of concern for his employees until his death at the age of 95. Mr. Hogan received care from Visiting Nurse Health System at the Hospice Atlanta Center. His gift will ensure that patients continue to receive compassionate end-of-life care regardless of their circumstances.

As a pathologist, medical teacher and author, Dr. Randi Rosvoll understood the need for quality healthcare. She received care through Visiting Nurse Health System's home hospice program, but her prior life experiences built the foundation for her decision to support Visiting Nurse. Her dream of becoming a nurse, her niece's vocation as a visiting nurse, and her friend's hospice experience with Visiting Nurse Health System were factors in this decision. As a healthcare provider, Dr. Rosvoll recognized the important role of Visiting Nurse, and as a patient she experienced it first-hand. Her generous gift will ensure that other individuals and their families will benefit from the same level of healthcare in the home as she did.

“We are extremely grateful for these gifts and the confidence each donor had in our organization,” said Lisa Robinson, vice president of advancement at Visiting Nurse Health System. “We could not provide the services we offer to all who need our care were it not for the generous philanthropic community. Donors such as Mrs. Alston, Mr. Hogan and Dr. Rosvoll make Visiting Nurse Health System a great healthcare provider.”

**About Visiting Nurse Health System**

Founded in 1948, Visiting Nurse Health System is Georgia's largest nonprofit provider of healthcare at home. Its mission is to improve the lives of those it serves. Thanks to the support of numerous individuals, foundations and corporations, Visiting Nurse Health System is able to provide compassionate, quality care to its patients regardless of age, diagnosis or ability to pay. For more information on Visiting Nurse Health System, please visit [www.vnhs.org](http://www.vnhs.org).

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