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CanCare Announces New Director of Congregational and Corporate Relations

Houston, TX... CanCare, Inc. is proud to announce Rev. Mark P. Downs, MDiv., as the new Director of Congregational and Corporate Relations. Mark began his career in 1993 as an ordained Presbyterian minister. In 1997 he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and during his treatments, he discovered and received support from CanCare. As a cancer survivor, Mark has completed CanCare's 17-hour training and is now a CanCare volunteer himself. "As a pastor, I considered the core of my calling to be bringing hope to people. With CanCare I still bring hope to people, now in the context of their cancer experience."

Mark is a graduate of Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, and Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. He is married to Rev. Becky Downs, pastor of John Knox Presbyterian church and they have two children.

Mr. Downs will be responsible for cultivating the relationships with CanCare's member congregations and member corporations. He will also oversee the administration of CanCare's Board of Representatives, a group of individuals serving as liaisons between CanCare and their congregations. He can be reached at 713-461-0028 or markd@cancare.org.

About CanCare, Inc.

CanCare provides one-on-one emotional support to cancer patients and their families from a trained volunteer who has survived a similar type of cancer. CanCare volunteers help patients cope with a cancer diagnosis, give support during treatment and enable patients and family members to move forward with hope. Founded in 1990, CanCare now partners with more than 130 corporations, hospitals and congregations of varied faiths. All services are confidential and provided without charge. CanCare, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Houston, Texas and provides services to people world-wide. For more information, visit www.cancare.org or call 888-461-0028.