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### **Thousands of Rubber Ducks Race for Montgomery Hospice**

ROCKVILLE, MD – On Sunday, October 5, 2008, 10,000 yellow rubber ducks will “race” across Seneca Creek in the annual Montgomery Hospice Derby Duck Race and Festival. Admission is free. This event that benefits Montgomery Hospice attracts hundreds of people who have ‘adopted’ ducks for five dollars each in the hopes of winning round trip airline tickets, a 47" HDTV and other prizes.

The Derby Duck Race and Festival will be held rain or shine from 12 noon to 3:00 pm at Seneca Creek State Park on Clopper Road in Gaithersburg, Maryland. In the only race of its kind licensed in this area, the 10,000 ducks – collectively weighing more than a ton – will be launched around 1:45 pm to jockey for prize positions (**photo opportunities 1:30 – 2:15 pm**). This event also features food vendors, crafters and activities for children of all ages.

Ducks are available for adoption until 3:00 pm on Friday, October 3 online at [www.montgomeryhospice.org](http://www.montgomeryhospice.org) or by calling 301-921-4400. Duck adoptions will also be available on race day up until 1:30 when the race begins. Discounts are available for multiple adoptions.

Money raised from The Derby Duck Race and Festival benefits Montgomery Hospice’s services for patients with life-limiting illnesses and their families. Last year, Montgomery Hospice provided nearly 1,500 Montgomery County residents with compassionate end-of-life care in their homes, in nursing facilities and at Casey House, an acute in-patient facility. Over 5,500 county residents took part in Montgomery Hospice’s grief support groups, workshops and memorial services.

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