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ROCKVILLE, September 12, 2008 – Two young members of the community, Brian and Haley Whitt, have organized an important fundraising event to benefit Montgomery Hospice. On September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008, a “Walk 4 Hospice” will be held at the Magruder High School track on Muncaster Mill Road in Rockville. The event will begin with check-in at 1:00 pm, followed by the walk itself at 1:45 pm.

Brian and Haley, 13 and 11 years old, are students attending Rosa Parks Middle School. This event is part of a B’nai Mitzvah project designed to raise funds for an important community organization and to honor their grandmother. Barbara Zemil (Goggie) died on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007; the walk is being held on the anniversary of her death. Mrs. Zemil was cared for under the Hospice at Home program and also spent time at Casey House, the acute care facility for Montgomery Hospice.

Brian and Haley have already signed up over 75 walkers and have raised over \$4,000. They are well on their way to reaching their goal of \$5,000. Both Brian and Haley are available for interviews they can be contacted at (301) 570-3072, or by email at [olneywhitts@hotmail.com](mailto:olneywhitts@hotmail.com).

Montgomery Hospice is the largest medical hospice in Montgomery County, Maryland and has been serving the community for over 27 years. In 2007 Montgomery Hospice served over 1400 patients and supported over 5500 county residents with bereavement services. Community donations allow the continuation of bereavement services and charitable hospice care to Montgomery County residents.