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Montgomery Hospice appoints Vice President of Counseling Services

ROCKVILLE, July 17, 2008 – Montgomery Hospice is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Robert Washington as the Vice President of Counseling Services. In this new position, Dr. Washington will coordinate the work of the Montgomery Hospice chaplains, social workers and bereavement counselors.

“Dr. Washington is uniquely qualified for this leadership position,” said President & CEO Ann Mitchell. Dr. Washington is a licensed clinical psychologist and an ordained minister, and has held several executive positions in mental health administration. For the last twenty-five years he has concentrated in grief counseling. Dr. Washington has a Masters in Divinity from Howard University and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology & Public Practice from Harvard.

Dr. Washington explains the commonality between the professionals in the newly created Counseling Services department: “They must all be experts in grief, in counseling people who are grieving, and in the hospice philosophy.” Dr. Washington’s appointment demonstrates the Montgomery Hospice’s continued emphasis on the importance of treating the spiritual and emotional needs of patients and families as a critical component to the care provided at the end of life.

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.

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