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Founder of Talbot Hospice Honored at Senior Celebration



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Dr. Guthrie, a founder of Talbot Hospice was recognized as an advocate for the community and presented with a Senior Superstar Award at The Talbot County Commission on Aging's Third Annual Senior Celebration on September 24, 2008.

The Talbot Hospice Foundation participated in The Talbot County Commission on Aging's, Third Annual Senior Celebration on September 24, 2008, at The Krystal Q, to honor one of the founders of Talbot Hospice, Dr. 'Buck' Guthrie.

Carole Abruzzese, President of the Commission on Aging and Executive Director of Londonderry led the event. Eight outstanding Talbot County seniors were recognized as part of the luncheon; and each was presented with a plaque honoring their commitment and service to the community. Julie Crocker, MSN, RN, Executive Director of Talbot Hospice, presented the award to Dr Guthrie.

As past Associate Surgeon General with the United States Public Health Service, Dr. Guthrie was appointed State Health Officer of Talbot and Dorchester counties in 1978. During this time he founded the Talbot Hospice Foundation along with Dr. Steve Carney and Kathy Foster.

"Dr. Guthrie is one of the most positive individuals you will ever meet. He leads by example with a 'can do attitude'. With all his credentials and accomplishments, it is his warm gentle manner and huge hospice heart that truly makes him a Senior Superstar" said Julie Crocker, "We

thank Dr. Guthrie for all that he has given to our community and the lives he has touched over the years.”

In its first year Talbot Hospice served 20 patients with 24 volunteers. During its 27 years, thousands of individuals have been served through Talbot Hospice by over 300 volunteers annually. Dr. Guthrie currently holds emeritus status on the board of directors. His insight and clear perception continue to be an inspiration to the staff and volunteers of the Foundation.

With the support of Londonderry, University of Maryland Shore Health System and William Hill Manor, The Third Annual Senior Celebration featured a buffet luncheon, an update on the new Talbot Senior Center, a guest speaker and raffle prizes. One of the missions of the Talbot County Commission on Aging is to identify major aging issues in the community and the need for services to the elderly. The Commission then makes recommendations to the Talbot County Council working in partnership with Upper Shore Aging.



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Talbot Hospice Foundation staff gathers at the Third Annual Senior Celebration to honor Dr. Buck Guthrie, founding member of Talbot Hospice. Standing (l to r) Wendy VanNest, Director of Family Services; Donna Stone, Guest Wing Manager; seated (l to r) Lucy Tepper, Volunteer Coordinator; Julie Crocker, Executive Director; Kate Cox, Director of Development and transportation Lyn von Spaeth, Administrative Coordinator.