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Hospice Cup, Inc. Announces the Return of Two Hospices in 2009

Calvert Hospice and the Talbot Hospice Foundation rejoin the annual regatta fundraising event during Hospice Cup XXVIII – September 26, 2009

[ANNAPOLIS, MD] Hospice Cup, Inc. will widen its geographic range of supporting hospices in 2009 as both Calvert Hospice and the Talbot Hospice Foundation return as participants in the annual regatta event that raises funds and awareness for hospices in the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC areas.

The Talbot Hospice Foundation, of Easton, MD, was an early participant in the Hospice Cup during the early 1980's; while Calvert Hospice, located in Prince Frederick, MD, returns after a one-year absence from participating in the annual event.

Julie Crocker, Executive Director of the Talbot Hospice Foundation, stated, "We are grateful to have the opportunity to join this collaborative fundraising effort with The Hospice Cup. Our hospice represents a large sailing community, and it makes sense for us to come aboard to raise funds for our Hospice programs in Talbot County."

"Hospice Cup is a wonderful opportunity for hospices around the Chesapeake Bay to collaboratively raise awareness of the hospice mission," stated Lynn Bonde, J.D., MSW Executive Director Calvert Hospice.

The 2009 participating hospices currently include: Hospice of the Chesapeake, Calvert Hospice, Capital Hospice, Montgomery Hospice and the Talbot Hospice Foundation. Each hospice must meet the standards of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

"We are very happy to have these two hospices returning to the event," states Karma O'Neill, executive director of Hospice Cup, Inc. "Their presence as participants will expand the reach of our event to hospice supporters and, of course, more sailors."

About Hospice Cup

Funds raised on behalf of the Hospice Cup event support the participating hospices and help pay the expenses not covered by Medicare or private insurance. These dollars enable the hospices to provide skilled compassionate care, comfort and dignity to the terminally ill, their families and friends. Hospice enables patients to carry on their lives so their last days may be spent in comfort, at home or in home-like settings. Hospice care concentrates on care, not cure. Bereavement counseling and support groups are part of hospice services after the loss of a loved one.

In 2008, over \$325,000 was raised by participating hospices, sponsors, sailors and public donors.

To date, over \$7 million dollars has been raised for the participating hospices since the race began in 1982.

The annual Hospice Cup event is a cooperative effort organized by the all-volunteer Hospice Cup, Inc. (HCI) Board of Directors and its executive director, the staff of participating area hospices and hundreds of volunteers. The race is managed by Shearwater Sailing Club and assisted by Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station.

The annual Hospice Cup regatta race is sanctioned by the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) and counts for CBYRA season-long High Point competition. Hospice Cup, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization chartered under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia for the purposes of conducting a benefit yacht race and related events. Hospice Cup, Inc. is also a proud member of the National Hospice Regatta Alliance.

Additional information about the race can be found online at the official Hospice Cup web site www.hospicecup.org.