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Quilt raffle winner Joan Ricker holds her quilt on a lovely spring day at Hospice House.

### **Hospice House raffles Quilt donated by Seven Sisters**

Joan Barbara Ricker was the lucky winner of an attractive quilt donated by The Seven Sisters Quilt Guild of Trappe and raffled to benefit Talbot Hospice House last week.

Lou Diefenderfer, president of The Guild and a Talbot Hospice volunteer, and Cheryl Lewis along with their Guild Sisters generously provided the quilt, which took approximately 40 hours to sew. Professionally pieced and machine quilted the raffle of this one of a kind heirloom coverlet raised money for Talbot Hospice House.

“I am so happy, I am thrilled”, said Ricker. “I just love handiwork of any kind, and the soft colors are just beautiful”. A former sewer and 20 year resident of the Eastern Shore,

Joan was the perfect winner as she could appreciate the numerous hours that were necessary in making such an heirloom.

The Seven Sisters Quilt Guild has donated over 100 quilts throughout the community. These ambitious projects assist many organizations including an annual quilt contributed each year to benefit the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company.

Talbot Hospice House is grateful for this wonderful gift, and Mrs. Ricker is delighted with her hand sewn quilt!

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**Talbot, Caroline and Queen Anne's Hospice Foundations collectively host Grief Teleconference at Chesapeake College**

The Talbot Hospice Foundation, Caroline Hospice Foundation and the Hospice of Queen Anne's will host the Hospice Foundation of America's (HFA) 15<sup>th</sup> Annual National Bereavement Teleconference "**Living with Grief: Children and Adolescents**". This free program will be broadcast on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 pm at Chesapeake College in the Kent Humanities Building, Room H-117.

Each year the HFA presents a nationally recognized distance learning program, live via satellite and webcast, to more than 125,000 people in 2,000 communities. For more than a decade, this annual educational program has been instrumental in educating health care professionals and families on issues affecting end-of-life care. The program provides an opportunity for a wide variety of professionals to share and exchange ideas and obtain continuing education credits.

'**Children and Adolescents**' will focus on understanding grieving children and adolescents and the ways that hospice professionals, educators, counselors, parents, social workers, physicians, grief counselors, funeral directors, and clergy can best support these populations as they cope with loss and grief.

The Teleconference is moderated by Frank Sesno, Professor of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University and Special Correspondent with CNN, yet a live panel of local professionals will address the Chesapeake College audience immediately following the broadcast.

The resident panel will consist of Susan Brandon, Hospice of Queen Anne's, Rebecca Sadler, Jessica Runion, and Carol Shaw from The Caroline Hospice Foundation, Tina Basel, of The Mid Shore Perinatal Advisory Council, Lisa May, from Shore Home Care Hospice, Robert Schmidt from The Talbot County Public Schools and Norma Trax, Bereavement Coordinator at Talbot Hospice Foundation.

"This is an excellent opportunity to become aware of the new thinking and practice in the field of child and adolescent grief, as well as the impact of the internet and text messaging in the lives of grieving young people" commented Norma Trax Bereavement Coordinator at Talbot Hospice.

Admission is free. Please register in advance by calling The Talbot Hospice Foundation at 410-822-6681. For more information please visit [www.hospicefoundation.org](http://www.hospicefoundation.org).

