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National Healthcare Decisions Day

To the Editor,

Talbot Hospice Foundation, along with other national, state and community organizations, is leading a massive effort to highlight the importance of advance healthcare decision-making—an effort that has culminated in the formal designation of April 16, 2008 as National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD).

As a participating organization, Talbot Hospice is providing information for the public to talk about their wishes with family, friends and healthcare providers, and execute written advance directives (healthcare power of attorney and living will) in accordance with Maryland state laws. Hard copies of ‘The Five Wishes’ documents are available at Talbot Hospice House at the front desk.

Information is also available on our web site at www.talbothospice.org under the resources heading.

As a result of National Healthcare Decisions Day, many more people in our community can have thoughtful conversations about their healthcare decisions and complete reliable advance directives to make their wishes known. With the guidance provided in advanced directives, fewer families and healthcare providers will have to struggle with making difficult healthcare decisions. Healthcare providers and facilities will be better equipped to address advance healthcare planning issues before a crisis and be able to honor patient wishes when the time comes to do so.

For more information about National Healthcare Decision Day, please visit www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org.

Sincerely,

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