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Leadership Maryland Selects Julie Crocker of Talbot Hospice for Class of 2008

Julie L. Crocker, MSN, RN, Executive Director of The Talbot Hospice Foundation and a resident of Easton, has been selected for the Leadership Maryland Class of 2008.

Leadership Maryland is an independent, non profit statewide network of informed and engaged leaders who are committed to developing workable solutions to the challenges facing the communities and citizens of Maryland.

Julie Crocker, one of 52 participants, was selected by a group of her peers to participate in Leadership Maryland based on her leadership abilities, career accomplishments, volunteer

activities and her personal concern and commitment to help shape the future of Maryland. Participants in Leadership Maryland are chosen from diverse cultures and backgrounds, with disparate interests and distinctive issues to confront.

Meeting two days a month for nine months of the year in various regions throughout the state, the informed candidates graduate with a deeper insight and broad knowledge of issues facing Maryland. Relationships are formed that cross geographic and geopolitical boundaries allowing these leaders to work together and draw on each other's talents and resources. The program is intense yet the outcome is rich and rewarding.

“Julie will immerse herself in Leadership Maryland activities, realizing that the diversity of this incredible program, as measured in professions, backgrounds and ethnic characteristics, is a treasure to be valued and enhanced” stated Howard Freedlander, Deputy Treasurer for External Affairs of the State of Maryland and a LMD graduate of 2005.

Founded in 1992, under the auspices of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Maryland has graduated more than 600 leaders. Cultivating the interest, knowledge, and leadership capacities of participants and enabling them to contribute their time and talents effectively in meeting the rapidly changing challenges facing the state remain its main objective.

“There is no greater and more diverse networking channel anywhere in the State of Maryland” according to R. Michael S. Menzies, Sr., President of the Board of Talbot Hospice Foundation, President and CEO of Easton Bank and Trust and a LMD graduate Class of '99.

Asked how she would use her LMD experience for the long term benefit of Maryland, Ms Crocker stated, “As our state ages, we face multiple challenges in this vulnerable and fragile population, particularly in regard to health care. Understanding and networking with the various organizations that provide and address issues facing the elderly, can strongly benefit the states and county’s collective efforts and initiatives.”

Talbot Hospice provides supportive care and services to individuals and their families facing end-of-life issues through various programs including bereavement and spirituality. Over 250 volunteers provide care and support in the home and in the 6-bed Guest Wing facility. All hospice services are offered at no charge to the patient or family.

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