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Shelley Stone (center first row), the new Hospice Program Manager, is shown during a recent visit with the Talbot Hospice Foundation staff. They are (l to r front row) Wendy VanNest, Family Services Coordinator; Kate Cox, Director of Development & Communications; (Shelley Stone RN, BSN); Lida Klunk RN, CHPN, Nurse Educator; Peg Fitzgerald, Communications Coordinator. Back row: Julie L. Crocker MSN, RN, Executive Director; Donna Stone CHPNA; Nevin Crause, Chaplain; Norma Trax LCSW-C, Bereavement Coordinator and Michelle Burgoon, Volunteer Coordinator.

#### Talbot Hospice Foundation Welcomes Medical Partner's New Hospice Program Manager

Recently, Julie L. Crocker, MSN, RN Executive Director of the Talbot Hospice Foundation and her staff welcomed the new Hospice Program Manager, Shelley Stone, RN, BSN, to Hospice House for a visit. Mrs. Stone works for Shore Home Care Hospice, the Foundation's medical partner, and assumed her new position with Shore Health Systems in January. She has been employed by Shore Health Systems since

1985, most recently as the Clinical Nurse Coordinator for the Intensive Care unit of Memorial Hospital of Easton, MD, Inc. and as the Magnet Liaison. The Magnet Recognition Program® was developed by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to recognize health care organizations that provide nursing excellence. The program also provides a vehicle for disseminating successful nursing practices and strategies.

“We want to take every opportunity to work together effectively with our medical partner, Shore Home Care Hospice, on behalf of the individuals and families we serve,” said Julie Crocker. “Shelley brings expertise to her new position that will be beneficial to all of us.”

Together, Shore Home Care Hospice and the Talbot Hospice Foundation are the team that delivers hospice care and services to the Talbot County community. Mrs. Stone oversees the Skilled Medical Hospice for Talbot and Caroline Counties that provides Hospice Nurses, Home Health Aides, Medical Social Workers, Physical, Speech and Occupational Therapists who visit patients in their homes, in nursing homes, assisted living facilities or the Guest Wing at Hospice House. The Foundation provides trained volunteers who assist patients and families, a bereavement program for all members of the community who have suffered a loss, a spirituality program, medical equipment and supplies, and the peaceful, homelike residence at Hospice House. The Talbot Hospice Foundation also offers family grants and charity care to assist those who need it most.

While visiting Hospice House, Mrs. Stone had lunch with the Foundation staff and had the opportunity to learn about the many faceted support programs that the Talbot Hospice Foundation offers individuals and families with end-of-life issues. Most notably is the Pathways Program, a pre-hospice program of practical support for people who have a terminal prognosis but are still seeking a cure. To find out more about the Talbot Hospice Foundation’s programs, visit their website at [www.talbothospice.org](http://www.talbothospice.org).

“We welcome Shelley to the hospice team and look forward to working together to bring hospice service and support to our community,” said Mrs. Crocker.

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