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**JULIE L. CROCKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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GRADUATES FROM
LEADERSHIP MARYLAND CLASS OF 2008**



Julie Crocker MSN, RN, Executive Director
of Talbot Hospice recently graduated from
Leadership Maryland Class of 2008

Julie L. Crocker, Executive Director, Talbot Hospice Foundation, recently completed an eight-month long leadership development program sponsored by Leadership Maryland.

Leadership Maryland, celebrating its 16th graduating class, honored this Easton resident, along with fifty statewide classmates, at a black-tie reception and banquet held December 2, 2008 at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore.

Leadership Maryland, an independent, educational leadership development organization, informs top level executives from the public and private sectors about the critical issues, challenges and opportunities facing the State of Maryland, and its regions. After participating in a broad range of experiences, these statewide leaders are prepared to address these issues and serve as important participants in the unified effort to shape Maryland's future.

“To be informed about statewide and regional issues, and having the opportunity to engage and interact with leaders who put themselves on the front line everyday, has prepared these individuals to be the catalyst for positive change in Maryland,” stated Leadership Maryland Board Chairman Stephen A. Horvath. A 1998 graduate of the program, Mr. Horvath is senior vice president-group manager, PNC Bank, Gaithersburg.

“These are the leaders to watch, now, and in the future,” said Leadership Maryland President Nancy Minieri. “Their experience confirms that the quality of leadership affects the success of the solutions. Problems are solved when committed, dynamic leaders with vision and passion are willing to take the risk to lead.”

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