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**The Gazette to be Honored by Montgomery Hospice**

March 9, 2010 – At Friday’s annual gala, Montgomery Hospice will present The Gazette with the “Friends for Life” award in recognition of the newspaper’s ongoing commitment and support of the mission of Montgomery Hospice. The Gazette’s partnership with Montgomery Hospice has been invaluable in educating the Montgomery County community about the benefits of hospice care for residents living with life-limiting illnesses, and about grief and loss issues.

The award-winning Gazette has been in business for 50 years, starting in Montgomery County and later expanding to southern Maryland, Frederick, Prince George’s County and Fairfax County. In Montgomery County alone, 265,000 households receive the newspaper. Half a million people in Montgomery County read one of the 10 editions of The Gazette, as well as The Gazette of Politics and Business. The Gazette is part of the Community Newspaper Group of Post-Newsweek Media Inc., a division of The Washington Post Company.

Montgomery Hospice is grateful to The Gazette for helping us support the seriously ill and grieving members of our community. The Gazette joins a distinguished list of honorees, a list that includes journalists Cokie and Steve Roberts, the Eugene B. Casey Foundation and Chevy Chase Bank.

Montgomery Hospice is the largest medical hospice in Montgomery County, Maryland and has been serving the community for 29 years. In 2009 Montgomery Hospice served more than 1500 patients and supported more than 5670 county residents with bereavement services.

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