



Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester

Hospice and Palliative Care of Westchester Executive Director to Present at County's Livable Community Conference

White Plains, NY – (September 22, 2009) – Westchester County is among the country's leaders in supporting livable communities that foster a high quality of life for people of all ages and enable seniors to remain in their homes and communities as they age.

Recognizing the important role that hospice plays in the continuum of resources in livable communities, Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester (HPCW) is collaborating with several organizations on the first regional livable communities conference. *Livable Communities: A Vision for All Ages* will be held on October 2, 2009, at the Westchester Marriott, Tarrytown.

The Westchester County Department of Senior Programs will coordinate the conference, which will feature lectures and workshops by local and national livable communities experts. Topics include transportation, technology, legal and financial issues, environmental concerns, caregiving, affordable housing and multigenerational programs.

Jesse Caudill, Spiritual Coordinator at HPCW, will serve as a panelist at *Communities for all Ages through Congregational Engagement*, one of the 11 conference workshops. Caudill will address community outreach in congregant settings along with other panelists, including Bishop Dr. Wilbert G. Preston, Christ Temple GIPHC, Inc.; Reverend Doctor William Weisenbach, First Presbyterian Church of Katonah; and panel moderator Rabbi Jay Miller, Executive Director, Peninsula Clergy Network, San Mateo, Calif.

In conjunction with the conference, HPCW also is sponsoring a pre-conference clergy luncheon on October 1, 2009, 12 pm to 2 pm, at the Marriott. Members of the clergy are invited to attend at no cost.

Kate Colburn, M.A., HPCW Executive Director, will speak at the luncheon about the place for hospice in livable communities as well as the role of clergy in ensuring quality of life during end-of-life care.

Colburn oversees the management of the not-for-profit Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester to ensure that patients receive the care and attention they need during their final months and days. She has dedicated her career to hospice care and has authored numerous articles on the topic. Colburn serves on the Board of Trustees of the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York State.

"Aging in place includes last stages of life, a time when hospice personnel can be of help to members of the clergy and their congregants during difficult life-threatening illnesses," said Colburn. "Hospice works hand-in-hand with the clergy to ensure that individuals who are facing such illnesses can live with dignity, and that their loved ones can get the support they need."

The conference is open to members of the community, government officials, area organizations and businesses, and members of the clergy. The cost of the full-day conference, including breakfast and lunch, is \$50. For reservations, call 914-813-6406 or visit www.westchester.gov.com/livable-communities.

Members of the clergy can register for the luncheon by contacting Martin Yablonsky, Northern Regional Coordinator, Westchester County Livable Community Connection Project, at 917-952-9193.

Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester is located at 311 North Street, Suite 204, White Plains, NY. For additional information, visit www.hospiceofwestchester.com or call 914-682-1484.

About Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester: Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester is a private, not-for-profit healthcare agency that provides skilled, compassionate and comprehensive end-of-life home care to patients with any diagnosis and gives support to their families and loved ones.

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