



Westchester County Hospices Host Breakfast, “For Those Who Have Served”

White Plains, NY – (December 7, 2010) –The United States loses more than 680,000 Veterans each year, representing 25 percent of all deaths in this country. According to the Westchester County Veterans Service Agency, there are approximately 100,000 veterans here, representing the fifth largest population of veterans in the state.

For Those Who Have Served, the first inter-hospice countywide program, recently commemorated Veterans Recognition Month and honored Westchester County residents who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Nearly 100 people attended the breakfast, which was co-sponsored by Westchester County’s hospice organizations: Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester; Hospice Care in Westchester & Putnam; Jansen Hospice and Palliative Care; and Phelps Hospice.

In addition to a remembrance and recognition ceremony and a musical tribute by Somers High School Chamber Group, the event featured a discussion about Medicare and Veterans Administration benefits.

“This was a great opportunity to salute the bravery of Westchester County’s veterans and to inform them of important healthcare and benefits they deserve,” said William Dawe, Hospice Community Representative and Community Relations/Professional Liaison, Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester. “It is crucial for them to know the facts so they can plan for their healthcare futures accordingly,” he added.

Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino welcomed the guests after an Invocation by Ervin Graves, Hospice Chaplain; Col. Thomas D. Butler, US Army Engineers (Ret.); Gerald Culliton, CEO, VA Hudson Valley Healthcare; William Dawe; and Vito Pinto, Director, Westchester County Office of Veteran’s affairs, served as presenters.

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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L to R: Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino; Gerald Culliton, CEO, VA Hudson Valley Healthcare System; Carol Luhrs, MD, Medical Director, VISN3 Palliative Care Program; Theresa Cortez, NP, ACPN, Program Manager, VISN3 Palliative Care Program, VA Montrose/Castlepoint Campuses; and Rose Rosenberg, Vice President, Hospice Care in Westchester and Putnam, at the recent Veterans Recognition Breakfast, which was co-sponsored by Westchester County's hospices



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