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**Mid-Atlantic's Largest Hospice to Host Briefing on Capitol Hill and  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospice Comes to Washington Reception**  
*C-TAC and Dentons law firm to be honored for championing advances in care*

**WASHINGTON, DC** – In recognition of the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Hospice Comes to Washington Reception, and in observation of Older Americans Month, Capital Caring – the largest nonprofit hospice provider in the mid-Atlantic – invites the community to a policy briefing on Capitol Hill May 9, and the 2018 Hospice Comes to Washington Reception and Networking Event on May 10.

At the May 9 policy briefing, Capital Caring President and CEO Malene Davis will moderate a panel discussion on Policy, Progress and Future Prognoses: Legislative Options to Improve Care for Those with Serious, Advanced Illness. Congressional leaders and a broad, diverse set of policy experts – from consumers to patient advocates, hospice innovators and coalition leaders – will share information about federal policy options to improve care for those with serious advanced and life-limiting illnesses.

Invited keynote speakers include: Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI); Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA); Senator Mike Rounds (R-SD); and Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR).

This briefing will be held in partnership with the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC); The American Heart Association; National Partnership for Hospice Innovation; and the National Coalition on Health Care.

On May 10, Capital Caring will host the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospice Comes to Washington. This reception and networking event will kick-off a month-long initiative honoring older adults, reshaping the dialogue on care and advancing the agenda to better serve all Americans now and for generations that will follow.

During the reception, the Champion of Care Award will be presented to C-TAC for the organization's work to transform care for all Americans facing advanced illness. Additionally, the Community Impact Award will be presented to Dentons, the worlds' largest law firm, for the company's efforts in supporting Capital Caring by providing resources to help ensure all patients in need have access to hospice, palliative care, and bereavement support.

**Policy Briefing: Legislative Options to Improve Care for those with Advanced Illness - Open to public and media**

When: Wednesday, May 9 from Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Where: Russell Senate Office Building room 485

Panel: Keysha Brooks-Coley, Vice President, Federal Advocacy and Strategic Alliances, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Tom Koutsoumpas, President and CEO, National Partnership for Hospice Innovation

Andrew MacPherson, Senior Policy Advisor, Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC)

John Rother, President and CEO, National Coalition on Health Care

Moderator: Malene Davis, President and CEO, Capital Caring

### **Hospice Comes to Washington Reception and Networking Event – Open to public and media**

When: Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m., Concert begins at 7:30p.m.

Where: InterContinental Washington D.C. – The Wharf  
801 Wharf Street Southwest  
Washington, DC 20024

Music by: The Original Blue Healers

- Register for May 9 Policy Briefing: [capitalcaring.org/policyandprogress](http://capitalcaring.org/policyandprogress)
- Register for May 10 Hospice Comes to Washington Reception: [capitalcaring.org/hospicecomestowashington](http://capitalcaring.org/hospicecomestowashington)
- More details: Contact Katie Tram-Lam [ktranlam@capitalcaring.org](mailto:ktranlam@capitalcaring.org).

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### **ABOUT CAPITAL CARING**

For 40 years, Capital Caring's mission has been to simply improve care for those facing life-limiting illness through direct support of patients and their families, public education, and advocacy. Since its founding by committed volunteers in Northern Virginia, Capital Caring has provided hospice, palliative care, and counseling to more than 120,000 patients and their families. Nearly 800 employees and 1,000 volunteers provide these services to nearly 1,400 moms, dads, and kids every day in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, DC. As one of the nation's oldest and largest non-profit providers of hospice and palliative care, Capital Caring supports all those who need care, regardless of their ability to pay, and is proud to provide nearly \$3.3 million in charitable care to families in need annually.