



# THE WASHINGTON HOME & COMMUNITY HOSPICES

## Press Release

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### THE WASHINGTON HOME AND COMMUNITY HOSPICES TRANSFERS ITS MARYLAND HOSPICE CARE SERVICES TO CAPITAL CARING HEALTH AND MAKES A MAJOR GIFT TO SUPPORT CAPITAL CARING HEALTH'S NEW HOSPICE INPATIENT UNIT AT SIBLEY HOSPITAL

The Washington Home and Community Hospices transferred its Maryland hospice business to Capital Caring Health on October 1, 2019 and plans to transfer its Washington, DC business at the end of October, pending regulatory approval. The Washington Home's Board of Directors determined that it could better carry out its mission by transferring both in-home and in-patient hospice services to Capital Caring Health, a much larger non-profit hospice organization with similar values and mission. The Washington Home will also make a major gift to Capital Caring Health's new in-patient hospice unit at Sibley Memorial Hospital, which will be named "The Washington Home."

Starting October 1, 2019 Capital Caring Health will provide clinical care to The Washington Home and Community Hospices' patients who elect to transfer to Capital Caring Health. Most

Washington Home and Community Hospices' employees providing clinical hospice care are being offered employment with Capital Caring Health, which ensures no service disruption to The Washington Home patients and their families.

"We are pleased that clinical operations for quality hospice care will be offered by a well-established non-profit organization that shares our mission, values and commitment to the community," said Sharon Collins Casey, Chair of the Board of The Washington Home. "Our financial support for Capital Caring Health's new hospice IPU at Sibley Hospital evidences the continuation of our dedication to serving the needs of terminally ill patients and their families."

"We are gratified by the shared excitement of both Boards and between staff of both organizations including physicians and other care professionals responsible for quality and clinical oversight," said interim President and CEO of Capital Caring Health Tom Koutsoumpas. "Our common shared values and non-profit mission means the highest quality care available anywhere will be provided mostly with Care Teams they already rely on-- to the patients and their families who elect Capital Caring Health."

Transferring its hospice business to Capital Caring Health is part of a larger strategic decision to deploy The Washington Home's financial resources for maximum impact by supporting various programs related to elderly and end-of-life services. "Going forward, The Washington Home will build alliances with existing organizations that have strong track records in serving the elderly population in all four quadrants of Washington, DC," said Washington Home COO/CFO Phyllis Dillinger. "I have been meeting with innovators and thought leaders in the community and we have many exciting ideas to pursue. We expect to announce several major initiatives in the near future." The Washington Home also intends to continue its own Caregiver Relief Program, a very popular program that provides short-term relief for people caring for family members receiving hospice services at home.

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*The Washington Home & Community Hospices is a 501(c)(3) non-profit hospice organization that provides compassionate end-of-life care to residents in the District of Columbia, and in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland. The interdisciplinary team of doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, counselors, and volunteers has served thousands across the Washington metropolitan region, caring for both the patients and their families in a holistic approach. Founded in 1888 as The Washington Home for Incurables, it is with the unwavering support of the community—with supporters donating of their time, their talents, and their resources—that this nonprofit has been able to care for its neighbors for well over a century. Beginning as a nursing home and evolving into a stand-alone hospice in 2016, The Washington Home & Community Hospices continues to be a strong pillar of support within the community, helping families identify solutions for end-of-life care. To learn more about hospice and the services The Washington Home & Community Hospices provides, please visit [TheWashingtonHome.org](http://TheWashingtonHome.org).*

*Capital Caring Health is the leading nonprofit provider of elder health, hospice, and advanced illness care for persons of all ages in the mid-Atlantic region. A member of a national network of more than 65 nonprofit hospice providers, Capital Caring Health's mission is to provide patients and their families with advanced illness care of the highest quality. Since 1977, we have served more than 120,000 patients and families across Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. In 2018 alone, we served over 7,000 hospice patients and provided more than \$3 million in charity care to those who had nowhere else to turn. Capital Caring Health serves families and patients throughout Northern Virginia, as far south as Fredericksburg and Richmond, as well as Prince George's County, Maryland, and DC. 800-869-2136 (24/7)*

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