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DC CANCER CONSORTIUM RELEASES FREE TRANSPORTATION GUIDE FOR DISTRICT RESIDENTS

February 4, 2009 - The DC Cancer Consortium has published a free pocket-sized Transportation Guide to assist area cancer patients and survivors in finding reliable and cost-effective transportation. The Guide includes information on transportation services in DC, Maryland and Northern Virginia, as well as resources for Medicaid recipients and public transportation directions to area hospitals. Entries are broken down by state and include contact information and a description of each service which details the population the service is targeted towards. To find out if they qualify for Medicaid specific services, patients should contact the individual programs even if they already receive Medicaid benefits.

DCCC Executive Director Susan Lowell Butler said, "Transportation problems in the District of Columbia can sometimes prevent people with cancer from getting to appointments and treatment -- and this is a very serious situation. The Consortium, in an effort to help ease this problem, created the Transportation Guide to get the word out as widely as possible about transportation possibilities. We plan to keep the Guide updated on our website, and will publish a second edition next year."

"This project was a collaborative effort between many Consortium member organizations in the District," explained Jack Sheahan, Executive Director of the Greater Washington Coalition for Cancer Survivors and chair of the Consortium's Survivorship Committee. "This collaboration was vital to ensuring that we understood the many transportation obstacles cancer patients and survivors face, and our work to find as many solutions as possible."

Copies of this unique Guide are available upon request by contacting Rosemary Pantaleo at rpantaleo@dccancerconsortium.org or online at http://dccancerconsortium.org/publications/transport_guide.pdf.

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