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***NATIONAL COUNSELING GROUP, INC. TO BE MAJOR
SPONSOR AT CHARITY GOLF EVENT SUPPORTING
HOSPICE OF THE EASTERN SHORE***

On September 4th, 2008 the Northampton County Sheriff's Office is hosting their 7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament with proceeds to benefit the Hospice of the Eastern Shore. The National Counseling Group, Inc (NCG), led by its CEO Thomas W. Minnick, is providing corporate sponsorship and has 4 teams participating in the tournament that include delegates, local professionals and NCG staff. Dignitaries joining Mr. Minnick for the golf tournament include Virginia Delegates Steve Shannon and Dave Marsden. With a local office in the Town of Exmore providing services to the entire Eastern Shore of Virginia, NCG maintains a firm commitment to give back to the local community through bringing greater statewide attention to the value of public/private partnerships working together on the common goal of alleviating suffering and improving the lives of those residing in the communities they serve.

Hospice and Palliative Care of the Eastern Shore is a non-profit agency that provides a special way of caring for people with limited life expectancies. Hospice professionals and volunteers are committed to helping patients live their last months, weeks and days in as much comfort as possible, surrounded by the people and things they love. Hospice provides physical, emotional, and spiritual care through a medically directed interdisciplinary team of professionals and trained volunteers, including a nurse who is on call 24 hours per day, seven days per week; a home health aide; a social worker; a chaplain; and a volunteer, when possible. Hospice also provides bereavement care to families for up to one year after the death of a loved one.

NCG, Inc. is honored to be a major supporter of this event to benefit the Hospice of the Eastern Shore. As an agency that provides counseling services to children, adults, and families we understand the emotional, spiritual, and physical impact that death and dying can have on individuals and their loved ones.

Background

The National Counseling Group, Inc. (NCG) is a private organization that was established in 1993 by Thomas W. Minnick to provide clinical services designed to more effectively address the needs of individuals suffering from mental health and substance abuse disorders. Comprised of highly skilled, professional and caring counselors, NCG has provided premium therapeutic services to individuals and families throughout Virginia for 15 years. NCG has received many accolades for providing a variety of outpatient and community-based services to address community mental health needs throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. NCG currently has offices in Annandale, the Eastern Shore, Herndon, Hopewell, Manassas, Martinsville, Newport News, Richmond, Virginia Beach, Roanoke, Warrenton and Winchester.

NCG specializes in treating behavioral problems, substance abuse issues, mental health disorders, family discord and provides Therapeutic Foster Care. As a result, countless professionals have utilized NCG to service the needs of children, adolescents, young adults, adults and families. In addition to receiving referrals from private psychiatrists, attorneys, and physicians, NCG has strong relationships with public agencies throughout Virginia. NCG has contracts with more than 100 public agencies (including various Departments of Social Services, Court Services Units, Community Service Boards and public schools) and serves clients in more than 50 counties.

In addition, NCG is playing a major role to increase the accessibility of care to children, adults and families through public-private partnerships, provision of community-based programming, offering Medicaid-funded services and through charitable giving. In fact, in 2007 alone, NCG served more than 4,000 individuals and donated more than \$300,000 to community causes. For more information about NCG, visit www.nationalcounselinggroup.com.

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