

[News](#) 

Health notes

Thu Mar 27, 2008, 12:56 PM EDT

MALDEN - Appointment of Richard V. Price

Hallmark Health System announced the appointment of Richard V. Price Jr., CFRE, as the system vice president of fund development.

Price has more than 25 years in health care philanthropy, having successfully raised money and designed fundraising strategies and campaigns for local and national nonprofit organizations. His involvement includes membership in the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Association of Health Care Philanthropy and the New England Direct Marketing Association.

As the new vice president of fund development, Price will design strategic initiatives designed to generate greater philanthropic support from individuals, businesses, civic groups, hospital supporters, patients and physicians.

Price comes to Hallmark Health from Shaughnessy-Kaplan Rehabilitation Hospital in Salem, where he served as chief development officer.

A certified fundraising executive since 1992, Price received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Park University in Parkville, Mo. He then completed graduate classes at the University of Northern Colorado and the Emory Business School Executive Development Program for Non Profits.

Price is a resident of Exeter, N.H.

'Safely Home' provides concierge and medical escort

Greater Medford Visiting Nursing Association and Additional Care announced a new program called "Safely Home." Safely Home includes two choices of services — a concierge service in a four-hour block of time and a medical escort with transportation service offered in a two-hour block of time.

The concierge service is designed to assist anyone coming home from a hospital stay, nursing home or assisted living facility. The service may include transportation home, cleaning out a patient's refrigerator, grocery shopping, meal preparation, prescription retrieval, laundry, as well as offering the comfort of settling a person in after an extended stay away from home.

The medical escort with transportation service provides transportation home after a medical procedure that would require a ride home such as a colonoscopy, day surgery, Electroconvulsive therapy treatment and cataract surgery. The service would include meal preparation, prescription retrieval, assistance with Activities of Daily Living and safety in the home.

Additional Care, a private care division of GMVNA, offers personalized, private home care services to assist members of the community. Services include homemaking, personal care, companionship, meal preparation, transportation, shopping, medical escort, case management and respite.

Professional services are also offered, including private duty nursing, medication management, geriatric case management, home safety assessments and general evaluation of patient needs.

For more information, call 781-396-2633 or visit www.gmvna.com.

upcoming

Nominations for Compassionate Caregiver award

Nominations are open for the 10th annual Schwartz Center Compassionate Caregiver award, which honors Massachusetts caregivers who display extraordinary compassion in caring for patients. The winner will receive \$5,000 and four finalists will receive \$1,000 each.

The award honors Kenneth B. Schwartz, the center's founder and a health care attorney who died in 1995 after battling lung cancer. Nominations are due April 18.

Who is eligible? Any paid, employed caregiver or team of caregivers with direct contact with patients in any Massachusetts health care setting.

The Schwartz Center encourages the nomination of candidates from diverse institutions including long-term care facilities, community health centers, outpatient clinics, hospices, visiting nurse associations and hospitals. It also encourages nominations that represent the broad racial and ethnic diversity of Massachusetts caregivers.

The public as well as health care professionals may submit nominations. Nomination forms can be obtained by mail, at 101 Merrimac St., Suite 603, Boston, MA 02114-2792; By phone, at 617-726-0512; by fax, at 617-726-2224; on the Web, at www.theschwartzcenter.org.

The Schwartz Center will present the award at its annual dinner Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in South Boston.

Community Health Education classes

The following programs are sponsored by Hallmark Health. Participants should check with their insurance company for tuition reimbursement information on classes.

For more information or to register, call 781-338-7561.

The New Dad Difference

Expectant and new dads learn how to apply their unique talents to parenting in this two-hour class. Topics include dad essentials such as the role as a "pregnant father," what to plan for in labor and birth, tips for