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Philanthropist Leaves Hospice of Palm Beach County **\$900,000 Gift**

West Palm Beach, October 18, 2006 -- Hospice of Palm Beach County will benefit from a grant of almost \$900,000 from the Alyce Rabe Charitable Remainder Trust, Hospice of Palm Beach County President and CEO Dave Fielding announced Monday. "Mrs. Rabe believed deeply in Hospice of Palm Beach County," Fielding said. "She made this extraordinary gift from her steadfast conviction that Hospice of Palm Beach County provides invaluable services to those nearing the end of life and to those who ultimately mourn their loss." Mark W. Glickman, vice-president and philanthropic consultant with Wachovia Trust, presented the gift to Fielding on Monday. "Alyce Rabe had a philanthropic interest and had made a commitment to enhancing the quality of life in our community," said Glickman. "As stewards for these funds, Wachovia Trust is pleased to honor Mrs. Rabe's wishes."

The funds will provide support to Hospice of Palm Beach County's patient care and bereavement services. Alyce Rabe had created a testamentary charitable remainder trust that provided annual income for one of her sisters. When her sister passed away, Hospice was one of two charities that received the remaining proceeds of the trust. "This is an extraordinary example of how donors can make a significant difference through their estate planning," Glickman said. "Mrs. Rabe is to be commended for positively impacting the lives of Palm Beach County residents."

About HPBC: *Hospice of Palm Beach County offers a wide range of services and educational programs designed to meet the special needs of patients and*

families faced with advanced illness. Expert physical, emotional and spiritual care is provided wherever the patient is - the home, skilled nursing or assisted living facility, hospital or hospice inpatient unit, including the C.W. Gerstenberg Hospice Center in West Palm Beach, the Bethesda Memorial Hospice and Palliative Care Unit at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, the Hospice and Palliative Care Unit at Good Samaritan Medical Center, the Hospice and Palliative Care Unit at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center and the Jay Robert Lauer Hospice and Palliative Care Unit at JFK Medical Center. The organization also offers full bereavement support to Hospice families and anyone in the community in need. Hospice of Palm Beach County's focus is on quality of life. The organization is sensitive to and respectful of religious, cultural and personal beliefs. Contact Hospice of Palm Beach County toll free at 888-848-5200 or visit the website www.hpbc.com for information.

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