

# Montgomery HOSPICE

Montgomery Hospice and “Quacky the Duck” would like to thank the B-CC Chamber for their support of the Derby Duck Race and Festival, held Sunday, October 4 at Seneca Creek State Park. Blue skies, gentle breezes and 10,000 yellow rubber ducks—it was the perfect day for this annual event, which was attended by over 500 people. Children with pictures of ducks painted on their faces had fun playing the games, drawing their own duck pictures and getting hugs from “Quacky,” the life-sized duck. Adults admired the classic cars and hand-made crafts. Everyone enjoyed the music played by Bill Worthington from 97.1 WASH-FM.

Highlighting the event were the ducks that, with a little help from the hoses of the local fire department, “raced” into the lake. The laughing children (and several Montgomery Hospice chaplains) got rather wet as they cheered on the colorful plastic ducks. Community members who “adopted” the fastest ducks won prizes.

Montgomery Hospice appreciates the many B-CC chamber members who came to the September After-hours event, donated prizes, attended the Race and adopted ducks.

Approximately \$42,000 was raised at the event. Funds raised from The Derby Duck Race and Festival help Montgomery Hospice provide services for patients with life-limiting illnesses. Last year, Montgomery Hospice provided compassionate end-of-life care to more than 1,400 Montgomery County residents and their families. This care was provided in homes and nursing facilities, and at Casey House, an acute in-patient facility. More than 5,600 county residents took part in Montgomery Hospice’s grief support groups, workshops and memorial services.