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Hospital Companions is featured on NBC-5 HealthWatch in Chicago

WOODRIDGE, IL, May 14, 2009 – Hospital Companions, the revolutionary patient and family support company was featured on Wednesday’s HealthWatch segment during the 10:00pm newscast with NBC-5 health reporter Nesita Kwan. To view the segment, visit:

http://www.nbcchicago.com/station/as_seen_on/Hospital_Companions_Chicago.html

“Making it easier on the caregivers at home while easing the patients way in the hospital, for those who say they are caught in the middle between their parents and their kids, it’s perhaps another way to navigate” reports Kwan.

An estimate 20 million Americans make up the “sandwich generation”, those caring for their parents while still raising their own families. With baby boomers entering the medical marketplace, these numbers are expected to rise. “We have built our program and our company around trying to assist those struggling with these demands. We are proud to be the solution families have come to depend on” says Hospital Companions President, Kathleen Benner.

Hospital Companions offers a college-educated Companion at the bedside providing support and non-medical assistance to the patient. Their customized Patient Page™ provides updates to family and friends about how their patient is doing. A Family Support and Patient Enhancement Program™ assist families and patients during the hospitalization, rehabilitation or nursing home stay.

In the television segment, Hospital Companions Vice President, Cheryl Formento shares the vision she had during her father’s terminal illness four years ago. As a member of the “sandwich generation”, she talks about the challenges faced when trying to navigate a loved-ones care from a distance.

After Formento's father passed in 2005 and subsequent family medical situations, Formento and Benner formed Hospital Companions, Inc. (www.hospitalcompanions.com) which currently serves patients and families in the Chicagoland area.

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