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MILESTONE CEO TO PRESENT AWARD TO CONGRESSMAN MURPHY

MONROEVILLE, PA (March 27, 2008) – Milestone Chief Executive Officer Barbara Conniff will be presenting Congressman Timothy Murphy (R-PA) with the “Legislator of the Year Award” from the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare (National Council). Rep. Murphy will be honored at Milestone’s Enterprise facility in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, for his efforts to improve the availability and quality of treatments and supports for people with mental illnesses and addictions disorders.

Co-chair of the Congressional Mental Health Caucus, Rep. Murphy was the original co-sponsor of the landmark Community Mental Health Services Improvement Act. The legislation provides new resources and support for community-based mental health care. Among its main provisions, the bill calls for funding to allow community mental health organizations to provide comprehensive primary care and specialty mental health services in the same setting.

“The legislation that Congressman Murphy has championed over the years has touched the lives of millions of adults, children, and families with mental illnesses and addiction disorders,” said Linda Rosenberg, MSW, President and CEO of the National Council. “His efforts help put people on a path to recovery and give them the chance to lead productive lives.”

Rep. Murphy was also the original co-sponsor of the Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008, legislation that would delay implementation of Medicaid regulations that would curtail vital mental health services. As a sponsor of the Seniors Access to Mental Health Act of 2007,

he said in a press release that “The cuts to Medicaid target those who need help the most: children, and the mentally and physically disabled. By eliminating preventative healthcare programs and assistance, there could be a devastating effect on the long-term healthcare of Medicaid patients. This would only lead to higher costs in the future, and put the health of millions at risk.”

The award ceremony will take place shortly after 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 27 and will be followed by a tour of the Milestone Enterprise facility.

Milestone has been a respected provider of services to people with behavioral and intellectual challenges for the past 38 years. Founded in 1969 in response to the Pennsylvania Mental Health & Mental Retardation Act of 1966, Milestone was one of the original providers of mental health and mental retardation services in Allegheny County.

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