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David Allen Company Receives 2006 Innovator of Hope Award from National MS Society

The National Capital Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society recognized David Allen Company with the 2006 Innovator of Hope Award for its outstanding support through The David Allen Company Annual Golf Tournament. The Manassas, Va., company received the award during the Chapter's Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 14.

The David Allen Company Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the National MS Society raises awareness about MS and funds to support the Chapter's programs and services for local families affected by the disease.

Philip Halcomb, Vice President of David Allen Company, created the golf tournament 12 years ago as a way to connect with others and make an impact in the community. The event raised \$800 in its first year. Last spring it raised \$46,000.

"It is an honor to receive this award on behalf of David Allen Company," said Halcomb. "Even though MS has affected many of our lives, close friends and acquaintances, we have been able to make something positive out of our experiences with the disease by providing these much needed funds to find a cure for this disease, and we will continue to support the Chapter."

Halcomb has enjoyed support from his wife Kathy and the David Allen Company staff. David Allen Company recruits participants as well as sponsors who underwrite the tournaments costs and raffle prizes.

"We are proud to recognize David Allen Company for its exceptional dedication to the Chapter, and we appreciate their continued support," said Betsy O'Brien Anderson, Vice President of Development at the National Capital Chapter.

Locally, the National Capital Chapter provides a wide range of vital programs and services in the areas of counseling, education, employment, information and referral, public policy development and advocacy, and financial assistance to the more than 18,000 people affected by MS in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The Chapter also hosts many events throughout the year to raise funds and awareness about the disease. For more information about other programs and events offered by the Chapter, please call (202) 296-5363 or visit the Chapter's website at www.MSandYOU.org.

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