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Choice Hotels International President & CEO honored by local housing nonprofit Rebuilding Together Montgomery County

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD – Rebuilding Together Montgomery County (RTMC) is pleased to announce the 2011 RT Honors Award Recipient is Stephen P. Joyce, President and CEO of Choice Hotels International. This award, given annually to outstanding members of the Montgomery County community, recognizes Mr. Joyce's commitment to community service on behalf of Choice Hotels International, headquartered in Silver Spring. Previous recipients include Ed Quinn of TW Perry, Steve Silverman of the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development, Alan Richardson from Potomac Valley Brick, Michael Rand from Adventist HealthCare, and David Merrick of Merrick Design & Build, Inc. RTMC founders Jay Treadwell and Gordon Hawk were honored at our 20th Anniversary Gala last year.

Choice Hotels has been a partner with RTMC since 2009, when they launched the *Room to Rebuild* program through a demonstration project in Rockville. Led by RTMC staff and volunteers, over 100 employees from Choice Hotels' headquarters, including Mr. Joyce, worked tirelessly to improve the safety and functionality of the Stepping Stones Shelter, building a picnic area for families, repairing a back porch, building and installing radiator covers, constructing a pad for dumpsters, replacing washer/dryer units, and removing tattered carpet.

In 2010, Choice Hotels signed on for two additional projects in Montgomery County, both for families in the Glenmont neighborhood. Once again, employees led by Mr. Joyce made significant repairs to the homes of these families in need, including replacing a furnace, removing yard debris, replacing windows, demolishing a broken shed, painting and landscaping on the exterior, and major carpentry repairs throughout the homes.

In total, Choice Hotels International has supported RTMC with over \$60,000 in just under three years, making them the largest corporate partner RTMC. Moreover, under Mr. Joyce's leadership, employees at the Silver Spring headquarters have organized a holiday tool drive, and given of their time and dedication to help keep low-income families safe in their home. In total, Choice Hotels has provided nearly \$1.4 million in funds to support the national efforts of Rebuilding Together, and continues to provide support at the local level well into 2011.

Rebuilding Together Montgomery County (RTMC) is a non-profit, non-sectarian, volunteer organization dedicated to helping low-income homeowners through home repair. Founded in 1990, Rebuilding Together Montgomery County is one of 200 affiliates of the national organization. RTMC has utilized over 41,000 volunteers in our 21 year history to make needed repairs on over 1,589 homes. Volunteers have delivered over \$14.8 million in home repairs to the community. Our goal is to preserve homeownership in Montgomery County while striving to provide a safe and healthy home for every family. For more information, visit www.rebuildingtogethermc.org.

Choice Hotels International, Inc. franchises more than 6,000 hotels, representing more than 495,000 rooms, in the United States and more than 30 other countries and territories. The company's Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Quality, Sleep Inn, Clarion, Cambria Suites, MainStay Suites, Suburban Extended Stay Hotel, Econo Lodge and Rodeway Inn brands serve guests worldwide. In addition, via its Ascend Collection membership program, travelers in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean have upscale lodging options at historic, boutique and unique hotels. Additional corporate information may be found on the Choice Hotels Web site, which may be accessed at www.choicehotels.com.