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## Caregiver Assistance Network unveils new website aimed at assisting family caregivers

**CINCINNATI**—The Caregiver Assistance Network (CAN) has launched a new website designed to focus on the ongoing needs and issues facing family caregivers and caregiver professionals across the Greater Cincinnati region. CAN is just one of the programs and services available to the community through Catholic Charities SouthWestern Ohio.

The *Caring Matters ECAREline* made its official debut on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 with a variety of tools and information resources for those interested in learning more about caregiver issues. The new website includes a weekly video topic, listing of upcoming programs and services available through CAN, staff listings, and a place where caregivers can share information and ideas about their caregiving experience with others, ask questions, and have them posted to the website.

“This year, we have decided to broaden our horizons,” said Margaret Iannaci, Coordinator of the CAN program. “While continuing to provide caregiver programs throughout the Greater Cincinnati area, the Caregiver Assistance Network would like to reach out to caregivers beyond the realm of Southwestern Ohio. With just a click of a mouse, from our website, our educational programs become more inclusive and convenient for family caregivers, wherever they may be.”

The agency is hopeful that local businesses and organizations with family caregiver ties will want to help sponsor the website. The Caregiver Assistance Network is a program of Catholic Charities SouthWestern Ohio. CAN was established in 1996 and is dedicated to providing a variety of free services to family caregivers and professional caregivers. It is funded in part by the Ohio Department of Aging through the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio.

The new website can be found on the Catholic Charities SouthWestern Ohio web page at [www.catholiccharitiesswo.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesswo.org) and clicking the programs and services link, where you will find the ECAREline page. You can also find information about the CAN program and the other 17 programs offered by Catholic Charities SouthWestern Ohio.

For more information about the new website or if you are interested in becoming a sponsor on the new site, contact Chris Gramke, Director of Marketing & Development, at (513) 241-7745 (w), (513) 378-4747 (cell) or via email at [cgramke@catholiccharitiesswo.org](mailto:cgramke@catholiccharitiesswo.org).