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**MICHAEL S. MURPHY OF GREATER CHESAPEAKE HAND SPECIALISTS  
NAMED CO-WINNER IN HEALTH CARE HEROES PROGRAM**

*Orthopedic surgeon chosen based on twice-yearly trip he leads to  
Dominican Republic to provide free medical care to island residents*

Baltimore, MD (March 24, 2011) – **Dr. Michael S. Murphy**, an Orthopedic surgeon and partner of Greater Chesapeake Hand Specialists, P.A. (GCHS), has been chosen as a co-winner in *The Daily Record's* annual Health Care Heroes program. Dr. Murphy, who was among eleven finalists selected in the Community Outreach category, shared the award with Michael Gimbel of St. Joseph Medical Center.

Board Certified in Orthopedic Surgery and Hand Surgery, Dr. Murphy has led a contingent of doctors, nurses and staff to the city of La Romana in the Dominican Republic since 2002. During the group's one week stay in November and April each year, the medical team examines and treats, with surgical and non-surgical intervention, nearly 100 patients who present with an assortment of injuries including those suffered from burns and the use of outdated machinery, as well as congenital conditions. All treatments are performed free of charge. A majority of the patients are children-aged.

"It was an extreme honor to be nominated as a finalist for this award and gratifying and humbling to be selected as the co-winner among such a qualified group of candidates," Dr. Murphy explained. "This bi-annual trip exemplifies why we first made the decision to become doctors as we experience first-hand the struggles that many Dominican Republic residents face. It is a strong dose of reality for all us as we typically take the luxuries of life in the United States for granted."

Dr. Murphy earned his Medical Degree from the University of Rochester in New York. He completed a General Surgical Internship, Research Fellowship in Surgery, General Surgical Residency, Orthopedic Surgical Residency-as Chief Resident of Orthopedic Surgery, at the New York City University Medical Center. Dr. Murphy also performed a Hand Surgery Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Founded in 1987 and based in Lutherville, MD, Greater Chesapeake Hand Specialists, P.A. focuses on providing successful outcomes for the entire spectrum of problems associated with the hand, wrist, elbow and shoulder. The practice group, which

consists of nine full-time physicians, maintains seven satellite locations throughout Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Howard and Talbot counties, as well as Baltimore City. For more information, visit [www.chesapeakehand.com](http://www.chesapeakehand.com) or call 410-296-6232.