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VistaCare Names Vice President, Business Development

New position will focus on business development and operations

Scottsdale, AZ – VistaCare, Inc. (NASDAQ: VSTA) – a leading provider of hospice services in the United States, today announced that it has appointed Dwayne L. Ostrom, 58, to the position of Vice President, Business Development, effective July 24, 2006.

In his role as Vice President of Business Development, Ostrom reports to David Elliot, President and Chief Operating Officer, and is a member of the Executive Leadership Team. He assumes responsibility for business development and operations initiatives, including development of new hospice inpatient units (IPU) and programs throughout the country. VistaCare currently operates 57 programs and five IPUs (Albuquerque, N.M., Atlanta, Ga., Evansville, Ind., Houston and Lubbock, Texas) and has cared for more than 80,000 patients and their families since 1995.

“Dwayne brings more than 23 years of healthcare experience to VistaCare, 16 of which are in hospice. His extensive knowledge of how hospice care is delivered – combined with his strategic vision – will help VistaCare expand our presence and bring the Medicare hospice benefit to as many eligible patients as possible,” said Elliot. “We look forward to welcoming Dwayne to our leadership team.”

Ostrom comes to VistaCare from Vitas Healthcare, a national hospice provider, where he served as Vice President of Operations Support, Area Vice President, General Manager and Program Manager. Prior to his tenure at Vitas, he served as Regional Vice President for Medical Specialties in Boston, Mass., and District Manager for Caremark/HHA in Chicago, Ill. He holds a B.A. in Philosophy-Business Ethics from Marquette University.

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About VistaCare

VistaCare is a leading provider of hospice services in the United States. Through interdisciplinary teams of physicians, nurses, home healthcare aides, social workers, spiritual and other counselors and volunteers, VistaCare provides care primarily designed to reduce pain and enhance the quality of life of patients facing life-limiting illness. This care is most commonly provided in the patient's home or other residence of choice.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this press release and the accompanying tables, including statements with respect to VistaCare's anticipated growth in net patient revenue, organic patient census and diluted earnings per share, are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words "believe," "expect," "hope," "anticipate," "plan," "expectations," "forecast," "goal," "targeted" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statement was made. VistaCare does not undertake and specifically disclaims any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. These statements are based on current expectations and assumptions and involve various risks and uncertainties, which could cause VistaCare's actual results to differ from those expressed in such forward- looking statements. These risks and uncertainties arise from, among other things, possible changes in regulations governing the hospice care industry, periodic changes in reimbursement levels and procedures under Medicare and Medicaid programs, difficulties predicting patient length of stay and estimating potential Medicare reimbursement obligations, patient discharge rate, challenges inherent in VistaCare's growth strategy, the current shortage of qualified nurses and other healthcare professionals, VistaCare's dependence on patient referral sources, the ability to grow patient census in the future, and other factors detailed under the caption "Factors that May Affect Future Results" or "Risk Factors" in VistaCare's most recent report on form 10-K and its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements and there are no assurances that the matters contained in such statements will be achieved.