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Over 400 Run, Walk, and Rockers Turn Out to Support Lory's Place

St. Joseph, MI – On Saturday, May 19, over 400 people descended on the Edgewater Area of St. Joseph to take part in the Third Annual Run, Walk, and Rock event to support Lory's Place, a grief healing and bereavement resource center for children and their families.

“It was a picture perfect day – with many families and friends coming to Lory's Place for the first time,” states Lisa Bartoszek, Director of Lory's Place. “The event was a wonderful success. Our participation increased and we received approximately \$25,000 in generous donations and gifts from our community.” According to Bartoszek these donations are important because there is no charge for the services that Lory's Place provides.

Lory's Place, was created by Hospice at Home, Inc. to help children and their families work through their grief so they can become capable, healthy, and optimistic about the future. The center was established in memory of Dr. Lory Schults, local physician, who tragically died in an auto accident in January 2004.

“Over 200 children and families participate in Lory's Place programs. Lory's Place offers a warm, safe place for children to share and heal together. From places of chaos and uncertainty, the children and families of Lory's Place learn to cope with their loss in healthy ways and avoid the pitfalls of risky behaviors that can be associated with unresolved grief,” continues Bartoszek. “From helping at the scene of an accident; to holding a child's hand as they say good-bye at a funeral; to teaching friends and relatives how to provide support; it is only through the generosity of individuals, foundations, and companies that Lory's Place can continue to operate and provide services.”

Under the direction of event chair Christine Borah and race director Jon Veersma, the Lory's Place Third Annual Run, Walk, and Rock began with a Hope

Run for children. Over forty children ran the half mile fun run. It was followed by the timed 5 km run/walk course which took runners and walkers through the old and new areas of the Edgewater Development - past the sailboats in the marina, along the river, past Lake Michigan and its sandy beaches, down the historical brick streets of Ridgeway, and into parts of St. Joseph's newest development.

Those that did not run or walk used comfortable rocking chairs as they cheered at the finish line. Tours of Lory's Place took place throughout the morning and race results were given at the end of the event.

For more information about Lory's Place call (269) 983-2707 or go to www.lorysplace.org.

Photos Attached.