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## National Grief Teleconference at Hospice at Home

**Southwest, Michigan**, March 26, 2008 - Hospice at Home is offering, free to the public, a Hospice Foundation of America annual live via-satellite teleconference. The national teleconference, entitled *Living with Grief: Children and Adolescence* will be broadcast on April 16 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm and can be viewed at Hospice at Home, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph.

The Hospice Foundation of America's 15th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference, *Living With Grief: Children and Adolescents*, will be moderated by Frank Sesno, Professor of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University and Special Correspondent with CNN. The teleconference will focus on the experience of grieving children and adolescents and the ways that professionals can best support these populations as they cope with loss and grief. Continuing Education credits are available for a wide range of professions. The program will examine the newest theories and practices as well as combine academic research with hands-on ideas for use in hospice support groups and other settings.

Mr. Sesno will lead the panel of noted authorities that includes: **Kenneth J. Doka**, PhD, MDiv from The College of New Rochelle, **Nancy Hogan**, PhD, RN, FAAN from Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, **Rita Milburn-Dobson**, MA, RNC, FT from Precious Gems Supportive Services, **Laura E. Olague**, MEd, CT from Children's Grief Center, **Stacy F. Orloff**, EdD LCSW from The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast, and **J. William Worden**, PhD, ABPP from Harvard Childhood Bereavement Study.

"Hospice professionals, psychologists, counselors, educators and school-based personnel, parents, social workers, nurses, physicians and other health care workers, funeral directors,

and clergy, as well as the general public, may be interested in this informative program,” stated Lisa Bartoszek, Director of Bereavement Services and Lory’s Place. “We invite anyone with an interest to join us as we discuss this important topic.”

Hospice at Home is the non-profit community hospice focusing on the patient and family regardless of the patients' diagnosis, treatment choices, life expectancy, or ability to pay. It provides quality care to people adjusting to living with a serious illness, to people facing death, to people anticipating the death of a loved one, or to people healing their grief after the death of a loved one. Hospice at Home places an emphasis on the emotional, social, and spiritual needs of those whom need care and those receiving support services. Serving Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, and Allegan Counties, the care is coordinated by a team of physicians, nurses, home health aides, social workers, spiritual care counselors, bereavement coordinators, and trained volunteers. Extending this care, Lory’s Place, a bereavement and education center that builds hope and strength for every grieving family, is available to anyone in Southwest Michigan or Northern Indiana.

For more information contact Hospice at Home at 269-429-7100 or 1-800-717-3811, or go to [www.hospiceathomecares.org](http://www.hospiceathomecares.org). or contact Lory’s Place at 269-983-2707 or 1-800-717-3812, or go to [www.lorysplace.org](http://www.lorysplace.org).