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## Comfort from the Heart Family Program

(St. Joseph, Michigan) April 19, 2007 - Facing a life-limiting illness or the imminent death of a loved one is not easy. Knowing how you can make the most of those last days can be one of the most loving gestures you and your family can share.

Learn how hospice care can improve the quality of life for patients and families. Hospice at Home, Inc. invites the public to *Comfort from the Heart*. This one-hour program provides information about the team approach of hospice care, introduces the local hospice team members, dispels myths regarding hospice care, provides insight on the new Palliative Care program, and acquaints participants with the free resource materials and information available at the St. Joseph Public Library.

The free program, *Comfort from the Heart*, takes place on Tuesday, May 1, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the St. Joseph Public Library, 415 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph. Free refreshments will be available.

“Over and over again, families tell us that they wish they would have learned about hospice care sooner,” states Cathy Berk, Hospice at Home, Inc. Community Relations Representative. “This program addresses this need and gives families the tools they need to make the right decisions.”

Hospice at Home, Inc. is a non-profit organization that focuses on the patient and family regardless of the patients' diagnosis, treatment choices, life expectancy, or

ability to pay. We provide high quality care to people adjusting to living with a life-limiting 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. We place an emphasis on the emotional, social, and spiritual needs of those we care for and those whom receive support services from us. Serving Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, and Allegan Counties, our hospice care is coordinated by a team of physicians, nurses, 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 about *Comfort from the Heart* or hospice care, contact Hospice at Home, Inc. at 269-429-7100 or 1-800-717-3811; or go to [www.hospiceathome.org](http://www.hospiceathome.org).

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