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Cozy Quilts Open House at Lory's Place

(St. Joseph, Michigan) April 21, 2008 – On Thursday, May 15 from noon to 6pm
Lory's Place, a grief healing and education center of Hospice at Home, will be open to the public. People who visit during this time will have the opportunity to view the Cozy Quilt Project. This project gave children and families a way to capture their memories of a special person who died. Through this collaborative project between Lory's Place, the Krasl Art Center Art Angels Program and the Berrien Town and Country Quilters group, Lory's Place participants were encouraged to creatively remember their loved one by personalizing a quilted pillow with various items such as clothing, personal effects (jewelry, money clip, or reminder items), expressive writing or displaying a picture. After the open house, the pillows will be taken home for hugging and used as a way for memories of loved ones to live on.

“Bringing hands and hearts together to create a lasting, tangible comfort pillow has been a remarkable experience and honor,” states Lisa Bartoszek, Hospice at Home Director of Bereavement and Lory's Place. “The children and families of Lory's Place have graciously shared their stories and are now welcoming the community to experience one of the stepping stones on their grief healing journey by viewing their Cozy Quilt pillows.”

The Cozy Quilts will be on display at Lory's Place, located at 445 Upton Drive in the Edgewater Area of St. Joseph, from noon to 6pm on Thursday, May 15. The community is welcome to stop by to see the quilted pillows and tour the center. “We

hope that individuals, families, and groups will take time to see these amazingly unique pillows that reflect cherished loved ones in ways beyond words,” continues Bartoszek.

Since opening on November 15, 2004, hundreds of children from Allegan, Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties in Michigan, as well as from Elkhart and South Bend in Indiana, have taken the courageous step of accessing the bereavement resource services of Lory’s Place. With professional bereavement staff and trained volunteers, Lory’s Place provides regularly scheduled age-appropriate support group sessions that allow children and adults to interact with peers who have suffered similar loss. There is no charge for the services that Lory’s Place provides.

To receive more information about Lory’s Place or the Cozy Quilts Open House call 269-983-2707 or 1-800-717-3812, or go to www.lorysplace.org.

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