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Friends of Hospice Community Concert

St. Joseph, MI – Tickets are now on sale for the Friends of Hospice Community Concert. The concert, to be held Saturday, May 26 at 5:30 pm., will feature music by the Southshore Concert Band, Groove – a high-energy percussion group from the University of Michigan, singer Bonnie Perz and Miss SW Michigan, Bethany Johnson, who will be playing the piano piece she'll be playing at the Miss Michigan Scholarship Competition in June.

The concert will be held at the Mendel Center's Grand Upton Hall. Doors will open at 5:00 pm, and a picnic-style boxed lunch is included in the price of the ticket. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults, \$15 for senior citizens (65 & older) and \$10 for students (college aged and younger). Tickets may be purchased at any of the Hospice at Home locations; St. Joseph office, South Haven Area Hospice, Buchanan office, and Lory's Place. Tickets may also be purchased at Roger's Foodland, Van's Medical Equipment, and Martin's Supermarkets in St. Joseph, Stevensville, and Niles.

The Friends of Hospice, a fundraising group for Hospice at Home, Inc., was revived last fall after a ten year hiatus. Carol Hafer, president of the group, says "This

concert is a huge undertaking, but one that we hope will become a permanent date on local calendars, and an event that will successfully raise money so that every terminally ill person has the opportunity to receive the highest quality, compassionate care from Hospice at Home.”

Serving the community for over 25 years, 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. It provides 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. Hospice at Home places an emphasis on the emotional, social, and spiritual needs of patients, families, and caregivers. Serving Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, and Allegan Counties, the care is coordinated by a team of physicians, nurses, aides, social workers, spiritual care counselors, bereavement coordinators, and trained volunteers. Hospice at Home now offers symptom-focused comfort and support for patients facing life-limiting illnesses through its new Palliative Care Program. 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.

To order tickets, or for any questions regarding the concert, call Hospice at Home at 269-429-7100 or toll-free at 1-800-717-3811; or go to www.hospiceathomecares.org.