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**PRESS RELEASE**

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## Friends of Hospice Hosts Membership Evening

(St. Joseph, Michigan) September 4, 2007 - The Friends of Hospice will host a membership evening on Wednesday, September 26 at 5:30 pm at the Hospice at Home office – 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph. The meeting will be held in the Community Room. The evening will feature a social time with wine, cheese and dessert as well as a brief meeting. Persons who are unable to attend the meeting, but wish to join may call to request a membership brochure.

The Friends of Hospice group is actively seeking new members. Anyone interested in helping Hospice at Home is welcome to join the Friends of Hospice, an organization whose mission is to support Hospice, mainly through fundraising activities. Membership is open to everyone in the community. The funds that Friends of Hospice raise are used for bereavement services, volunteer services, unpaid care, and miscellaneous patient needs.

The Friends of Hospice, originally formed in 1987, was revived after a nine or ten year hiatus. Past members are welcome to join us again in helping Hospice at Home. Activities sponsored by the group include the Annual Holiday Wreath Sale, Spring and Fall benefit luncheons and a Spring Community Concert. Join now to get in on the fun of planning upcoming events.

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

disease through the Palliative Care program, to people facing life-limiting illness, to people anticipating the death of a loved one, or to people healing their grief after the death of someone significant. Hospice at Home places an emphasis on the emotional, social, and spiritual needs of those needing 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 or to RSVP, please call Hospice at Home at 269-429-7100 or 1-800-717-3811; or contact Carol Hafer, president, at 269-428-2253; or go to [www.hospiceathomecares.org](http://www.hospiceathomecares.org).

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