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Welcome Reception for New Full-time Medical Director

(St. Joseph, Michigan) July 10, 2007 - A public open house will be held on Monday, July 23 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm at Hospice at Home to welcome George Drake, M.D. as the organization's new full-time Medical Director. Dr. Drake will be available as a consultant in pain and symptom management, hospice appropriateness, and other medical care needs.

Dr. Drake is Family Medicine Board-certified; and, is Board-eligible in the specialty of Hospice and Palliative Care. His career reflects over thirty years of practice as a full-service Family Medical Practitioner, which included the management of patients in the long term care setting. During the last two years, Dr. Drake has gained expertise as the part-time Medical Director for Hospice at Home.

“Having a full-time physician to help us care for our patients and families has been a goal of Hospice at Home for a number of years,” states Linda Beushausen, President and CEO of Hospice at Home. “It will allow us to provide more physician visits to our patients in their home. Dr. Drake will also provide the medical expertise to develop new initiatives and expand our Palliative Care program caring for patients whenever a life-limiting illness is diagnosed.”

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 about the welcome reception on Monday, July 23 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm at Hospice at Home, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, contact Hospice at Home, Inc. at 269-429-7100 or 1-800-717-3811; or go to www.hospiceathomecares.org.

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