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Hospice at Home Receives City Proclamation

(South Haven, Michigan) November 12, 2007 - The South Haven City Council recognized Hospice at Home on November 5 in honor of National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

“Every year, our organization cares for hundreds of people with life-limiting illnesses and their families,” stated Arthur Clarke, III, president of the South Haven Area Hospice Foundation at the City Council meeting. “Our highly-trained professionals don’t only provide quality medical care. They work to make sure patients and families find dignity, respect, and love during life’s most difficult journey,” continued Clarke.

Recently, Hospice at Home expanded its efforts to make the community aware of the benefits of hospice care with the goal of significantly enhancing the quality of life for people in Southwest Michigan, and for their loved ones. Considered to be the model for quality, compassionate care, hospice care involves a team-oriented approach of expert medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support expressly tailored to the patient's wishes. Emotional and spiritual support also is extended to the family and loved ones. Medicare, private health insurance, and Medicaid in Michigan cover hospice care for patients who meet certain criteria.

Hospice at Home also offers Palliative Care for patients who do not qualify for hospice care. This program extends the principles of hospice care to a broader population that could benefit from receiving care earlier in the stages of their illness or disease.

Hospice at Home has offices in South Haven, St. Joseph, and Buchanan and serves the counties of Berrien, Van Buren, Cass, and Allegan. Bereavement services and education are available at no charge for any child, adult, or family in need of grief support. Bereavement staff and trained facilitators offer these services at Lory's Place, individual homes, schools, community centers, and workplaces.

For more information about National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, or Hospice at Home contact, 269-429-7100 or 1-800-717-3811; or go to www.hospiceathomecares.org.

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