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End of Life Care Information Day at Community Hospital

(Southwest Michigan) December 1, 2009 – On Monday, December 7 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, information about achieving the highest possible quality of life when dealing with serious illness will be available for the public in the Lobby of Community Hospital in Watervliet. Sponsored by Hospice at Home and Community Hospital Watervliet, experienced hospice staff will be available to answer questions, provide suggestions to improve quality of life, and explain end of life care options in our community. Representatives from Lory's Place, a grief healing and education center, will also be on hand to share resources.

“We recognize that people living with serious illness have special needs,” states Terri Dotson, Hospice at Home Community Relations Representative. “This event will provide the public and medical community with the opportunity to meet specialists on topics such as palliative care, hospice care, grief healing, volunteer support, and other programs available to the community.”

Hospice at Home is the non-profit community hospice focusing on the patient and family regardless of the patients' diagnosis, treatment choices, 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 who 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, hospice 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 Hospice at Home, call 1-800-HOSPICE or 1-800-717-3811, or go to www.hospiceathomecares.org.

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