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Lory's Place 3rd Annual Run, Walk, and Rock on May 19, 2007

St. Joseph, MI – Bright and early in the morning on Saturday, May 19, hundreds of runners, walkers, and other supporters will descend upon the Edgewater Area of St. Joseph to take part in the third annual Run, Walk, and Rock to support Lory's Place, a grief healing and bereavement resource center for children and their families.

"We hope to have over 400 participants this year," states Lisa Bartoszek, Director of Lory's Place. "The services of Lory's Place are free to all who need them," continues Bartoszek, "Lory's Place is fully funded by the generous donations and gifts of our community, and all proceeds from this event go to provide services for grieving children and their families throughout Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana."

According to Bartoszek, 1 out of 8 children will lose a parent before the age of 18. Many times, these children have no outlet for their grief, and do not know how to express their feelings. Lory's Place was created by Hospice at Home, Inc. to help children and their families work through their grief so they can become capable, healthy, and optimistic about the future.

Under the direction of event chair Christine Borah and race director Jon Veersma, the Lory's Place 3rd Annual Run, Walk, and Rock will begin at 8:30 am. The timed 5 km run/walk course will take runners and walkers through the old and new areas of the Edgewater Development - past the sailboats in the marina, along the river, past Lake Michigan and its sandy beaches, down the historical brick streets of Ridgeway, and into parts of St. Joseph's newest development.

A Kids Fun Run on the same day at 8:15 am will include a short course run just for fun. This will be open to children of all ages and there is no charge to enter. A ribbon will be awarded to all participants. Comfortable rocking chairs will also be available

throughout the morning for those who would prefer to rock rather than run or walk.
Tours of Lory's Place will be available throughout the morning.

Entry fees:

\$17 postmarked by May 14, 2007

\$20 Race Day

Online registration is available but closes on May 17.

Family fee:

\$10 per person for 3 or more members from the same household.

Registration is available online at www.lorysplace.org or contact Lory's Place at (269) 983-2707 for more information.

Photos: 2006 runners participating in the Lory's Place Run, Walk, and Rock.

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