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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Volunteer for Hospice at Home**

(South Haven, Michigan) October 5, 2007 - Hospice at Home/South Haven Area Hospice volunteers offer warm hearts, listening ears, and compassion to our patients and their families. Our trained patient care volunteers serve patients and their families by offering respite, friendly visits, writing letters, running errands, providing transportation, and so much more. Other volunteers help with clerical tasks, special events, and other interesting projects. Volunteers choose how much time to give to Hospice at Home/South Haven Area Hospice based on their ability.

Hospice at Home/South Haven Area Hospice is offering a training program for people interested in volunteering. This training begins on Monday, October 22 and will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 4:00 – 6:30 pm for two weeks.

“Many of our volunteers choose to serve their community providing care and respite for our patients and families” states Tony Riffer-Reinert, Volunteer Coordinator at Hospice at Home/South Haven Area Hospice. “Our volunteers provide an empathetic ear and a friendly face for the patient and their families,” continues Riffer-Reinert.

Volunteers also help in a variety of unique ways. They contribute to patient well-being through pet therapy, art, music, remembrance-life review, providing flowers, massage, and more.

Hospice at Home/South Haven Area Hospice 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.

If you are interested in becoming a Hospice at Home/South Haven Area Hospice volunteer, or for more information, please call Tony Riffer-Reinert at Hospice at (269) 637-3825 or toll free at (800) 637-3820; or go to [www.hospiceathomecares.org](http://www.hospiceathomecares.org).

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