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Hospice at Home Plans Threshold Choir

Southwest, Michigan, July 3, 2008 - On Wednesday, July 9, at 6pm, an organizational meeting for the formation of a local Threshold Choir will be held at Hospice at Home, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph Michigan. Light refreshment will be provided.

Threshold Choirs honor the ancient tradition of singing at the bedsides of people who are struggling: some with living, some with dying. The voice, as the original human instrument, is a true and gracious vehicle for compassion and comfort. The choirs provide opportunities for people to share the sacred gifts of their voices at life's thresholds.

When invited to a bedside, choir members visit in small groups. Families and caregivers are invited to join in song or participate by listening. Songs are chosen to respond to musical taste, spiritual direction and physical capacity. The songs may include rounds, chants, lullabies, hymns, spirituals, and choral music.

If you love to sing and feel called to make a difference with your gift of song, please join us! We will be spending several months learning to sing together and developing a repertoire. There will never be an obligation to sing at bedside. All are welcome to participate in nourishing the spirit through song.

For further information, you may call Amy Eklund at 269-449-7724. You may also visit the Threshold Choir website at www.thresholdchoir.org. Videos of Threshold choirs can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhirmJYP-s> and http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cR0v_vIBVCg

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 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, 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 Hospice at Home or a local Threshold Choir call 269-429-7100 or 1-800-717-3811, or go to www.hospiceathomecares.org.

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