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Volunteer for Hospice at Home

(St. Joseph, Michigan) September 12, 2007 - Hospice at Home volunteers offer warm hearts, listening ears, and sincere care and compassion to patients and their families. Trained patient care volunteers work with patients and their families, providing respite services, writing letters, running errands and providing transportation when needed. Office volunteers help with numerous clerical tasks. Volunteers choose how much time to give to Hospice at Home based upon individual availability.

The Buchanan office of Hospice at Home is offering a training program for people interested in volunteering. The first training session is on Thursday, October 4 from 12:30 to 3:00pm. The trainings will continue each Thursday for a total of seven sessions.

“Many of our volunteers have chosen to serve the community by working closely with our patients and families in patient care,” states Renee Kauffman, Volunteer Coordinator at Hospice at Home. “Hospice at Home volunteers provide a sympathetic ear and friendly face for both the patient and family members,” continues Kauffman.

Volunteers help in a variety of ways including through a complementary care program which provides additional opportunities to assist with patient well-being through pet therapy, art, music, remembrance-life review, and massage.

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 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 volunteer, or for more information, please call Renee Kauffman at Hospice at Home at (269) 695-1099 or toll free at (888) 599-5758; or go to www.hospiceathomecares.org.

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