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Hospice at Home Honors Volunteers

South Haven, Michigan, June 11, 2008 - Hospice at Home in South Haven honored its volunteers in May and presented the Helen White Angel of Service Award to volunteer, Wes Stephens.

The Helen White Angel of Service Award was established by the South Haven Area Hospice Foundation Board to recognize those individuals who have shown exemplary service in the area of volunteering. Helen White was one of South Haven Area Hospice founding board members and devoted many hours of service during her association with hospice. Helen was honored and recognized upon her retirement in June 2004 with the establishment of this award in her name. She has since passed away. Betty Bregger received the award in 2005, Elaine Fluck in 2006, Bill Rockhold in 2007.

The 2008 Helen White Angel of Service Award winner, Wes Stephens, has volunteered for Hospice at Home for over five years. He is currently Vice-Chair of the South Haven Area Hospice Foundation Board, member of the Hospice at Home Operations Board, serves on various fundraising committees, including: Hospice Wine Tasting Event and Holiday Home Tour. Wes and his wife, Elaine, opened their home to the public for the 2007 Holiday Home Tour.

“Wes exemplifies the generosity of our volunteers,” states Beth Fones, South Haven Hospice at Home Volunteer Coordinator. “He generously gives his time and talents anytime there is a need.”

Hospice at Home volunteers offer warm hearts, listening ears, and compassion to patients and their families. 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 based on their availability.

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 becoming a volunteer call 269-429-7100 or 1-800-717-3811, or go to www.hospiceathomecares.org.

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Photo: Wes and Elaine Stephens at the 2008 South Haven Hospice at Home Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.