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Community Forum on End-of-Life Issues

(Southwest, Michigan) May 25, 2010 The entire community is invited to an educational forum on end-of-life issues on Monday, June 14 at 7:00pm at the Niles-Buchanan YMCA, 905 North Front Street, Niles. This community meeting will focus on answering questions, discussing available care options, and the importance of making plans with family and caregivers.

A panel of local experts including Theresa Uhrich, Case Management Supervisor at Region IV Area Agency on Aging; Dr. George Drake, Medical Director at Hospice at Home; James Mollison, Sr., Attorney at Mollison Law Office; and Tim Brown, Funeral Director at Brown Funeral Home will discuss end-of-life care in our community and how we can work to improve awareness and access to this care. This meeting will answer questions and challenge community members to openly discuss what is important to them related to end-of-life care.

This meeting is part of an ongoing public engagement effort by Hospice at Home, the local non-profit hospice provider. "The upcoming community forum is the latest in a series of efforts underway to generate meaningful dialogue in our community on what people want and need when it comes to end-of-life care for themselves and their loved ones," said Linda Beushausen, Hospice at Home President and CEO. "If we can get people talking about end-of-life issues before these circumstances arise, they will be better prepared to make critical decisions for themselves, their families and friends."

For more information on the upcoming community forum, please call Hospice at Home at 1-800-717-3811, or go to www.hospiceathomecares.org.

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