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## Derby Darlins Support Pet Peace of Mind Program

(Southwest, Michigan) June 3, 2010 - On June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo, the Killamazoo Derby Darlins will provide a percentage of ticket sales to benefit the Pet Peace of Mind program provided through Hospice at Home. Guests are also encouraged to bring cat and dog food to donate to the cause.

“For many in hospice care, their pets offer unconditional love, acceptance, comfort, and companionship when its needed most,” states Beth Fones, South Haven Hospice at Home Volunteer Coordinator. “Pet Peace of Mind provides helping hands and assistance so that volunteers are able to help patients with pet care needs. With this support, patients are able to complete their end of life journeys without worrying about their pet’s current or future needs,” continues Fones.

Offering the Pet Peace of Mind program places Hospice at Home in a select group of hospice providers that have joined a national network committed to ensuring this important patient need is met. The program will expand to the other service areas of Hospice at Home over the summer.

The Killamazoo Derby Darlins is a local women’s roller derby and plays at Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo. This will be the first game of the summer season and it's a double header. At 5:30 pm, the Derby Darlins take on Mid Michigan Derby Girls. Then, at 7pm, play the Rockford Rage of Rockford, IL. Doors open at 5 pm. Advance ticket prices: adult: \$11; student: \$10; children ages 6-12: \$5; and ages 5 & under are free. Door prices: adult: \$15; student: \$14; children's prices are the same. An after party will immediately follow the game at: The Back Alley Saloon (Continental Lanes Bowling Alley), 3645 Vanrick Drive, Kalamazoo. For more

information about the team, go to [www.killamazooderbydarlins.com](http://www.killamazooderbydarlins.com). Tickets for the game will be available on [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Hospice at Home is the non-profit community hospice focusing on the patient and family regardless of the patients' diagnosis, treatment choices, 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, hospice 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 the Pet Peace of Mind program, volunteering, or Hospice at Home, call 1-800-HOSPICE, or go to [www.hospiceathomecares.org](http://www.hospiceathomecares.org).

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