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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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## Making Memory Pillows

(Southwest, Michigan) July 7, 2010 – Memory Pillows are a great way to preserve the memories of loved ones in a unique and meaningful way. The public is invited to participate in this free Memory Pillow program for three consecutive Thursdays beginning on Thursday, July 29, through August 12, from 6-7:30 PM at the South Haven Hospice at Home Office, 05055 Blue Star Highway, South Haven.

Using material from clothing and/or personal effects of loved ones to create their own special memory pillow, participants will need to bring a large piece of clean and ironed material (such as a shirt, dress, sheet, or pillow case) as well as small memory items to place in or sew onto the pillow. All other materials will be provided by Hospice at Home. Class size is limited to 15 people so please RSVP to Karen Riffer-Reinert, Bereavement Coordinator, at 269-637-3825.

Hospice at Home also offers ongoing groups that meet during the evening for adults and children at Lory's Place Grief Healing and Education Center. The groups include regularly scheduled age-appropriate support group sessions that allow children and adults to interact with peers who have suffered similar loss. Groups for children and adults who are anticipating a loss or who have experienced a loss through pregnancy are also available, as well as educational and workplace grief programs. All community bereavement services are provided free of charge thanks to local community contributions.

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 contact Hospice at Home at 269-429-7100 or 1-800-HOSPICE, or go to [www.hospiceathomecares.org](http://www.hospiceathomecares.org) or contact Lory's Place at 269-983-2707 or 1-800-717-3812, or go to [www.lorysplace.org](http://www.lorysplace.org).

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