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Hospice at Home Staff Honored for Excellence

(Southwest Michigan) November 6, 2009 – On Thursday, November 5, three Hospice at Home staff members were honored for excellence in care of people with Alzheimer’s disease or other dementia diagnoses. Hospice aide Carol Black from the South Haven Team, nurse Liz Mai from the St. Joseph Team, and social worker Connie Burrus from the Buchanan Team were recognized during the Excellence in Caring Program by the Dementia Consortium and the Tri-County Connection.

“These employees embrace the mission of Hospice at Home and exemplify our caring excellence,” states Linda Beushausen, President and CEO of Hospice at Home. “They are always willing to go above and beyond for patients and their families. They are passionate and dedicated professionals that I am proud to work with.”

Research has demonstrated that hospice care increases the quality of life for patients living with advance dementia. It can also spare patients and their families from futile and expensive medial treatments.

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 Hospice at Home, call 269-429-7100 or 1-800-717-3811, or go to www.hospiceathomecares.org.

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Photo: Social Worker Connie Burrus (left), Nurse Liz Mai (center), and Hospice aide Carol Black (right)