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Make Your Wishes Known

(Southwest, Michigan) March 11, 2009 – Jordan’s Life Care Center and Hospice at Home are providing the community with an opportunity to learn about and complete an advance directive as a part of National Healthcare Decisions Day.

Advance directives are legal documents that allow you to convey your decisions about end-of life care. It provides a way for you to communicate your wishes to family, friends and health professionals to avoid confusion in the future.

Please join American’s across the country, your family, friends and neighbors to make your decisions known during one of the following events. Qualified staff will provide education, assistance, and advance directive forms:

- March 19 anytime from 3:00 – 6:00 pm at Jordan’s Life Care Center, 9935 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman
- April 16 anytime from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at Jordan’s Life Care Center
- April 16 anytime from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at Hospice at Home, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph

“As a result of this information, many people in our community can be expected to have thoughtful conversations about their healthcare decisions and complete reliable advance directives to make their wishes known,” said Rachel Arent, Community Relations Representative, Hospice at Home. “Fewer families and healthcare providers will have to struggle with making difficult healthcare decisions in the absence of guidance from the patient, and healthcare providers

and facilities will be better equipped to address advance healthcare planning issues before a crisis as well as be better able to honor patient wishes.”

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, 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 1-800-717-3811, or go to www.hospiceathomecares.org. or visit www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org.

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