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Memorial Teddy Bears Programs

(Southwest, Michigan) March 2, 2009 – Many people find comfort in the clothing of a departed loved one. Hospice at Home is offering a program to provide an opportunity to transform a loved one's clothing into a small keepsake teddy bear. Each participant will be hand-sewing their own bear with the support of experienced volunteers.

The three-session program is for adults and no sewing experience is necessary. You need to attend all three sessions to complete the bear. The program is being offered at two locations:

- Hospice at Home, 4017 Chamberlain, Buchanan, on March 23, 30, and April 6 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm
- Lory's Place, 445 Upton Drive, St. Joseph, on April 20, 27, and May 4 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm

The hour-and-a-half sessions provide an opportunity for participants to connect with others who are experiencing the loss of a friend or family member. Space is limited; please RSVP at any of our locations or call 1-800-717-3811 or 1-800-717-3812.

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, or ability to pay. It provides quality care to people adjusting to living with a serious illness, facing death, anticipating the death of a loved one, or 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 contact Lory's Place at 269-983-2707 or 1-800-717-3812, or go to www.lorysplace.org.

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