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Volunteer for South Haven Hospice at Home

(South Haven, Michigan) January 5, 2009 - Hospice at Home in South Haven volunteers offer warm hearts, listening ears, and compassion to our patients and their families. Our trained patient care volunteers serve patients and their families by offering respite, friendly visits, writing letters, running errands, providing transportation, and so much more. Other volunteers help with clerical tasks, special events, and other interesting projects. Volunteers choose how much time to give to Hospice at Home based on their ability.

Hospice at Home in South Haven is offering a training program for people interested in volunteering. This training begins on Tuesday, January 27, and will be held on Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 1:00 – 4:00 pm for three weeks at the Hospice at Home Community Room on Blue Star Highway in South Haven.

“Many of our volunteers choose to serve their community providing care and respite for our patients and families” states Beth Fones, Volunteer Coordinator, South Haven Hospice at Home. “Our volunteers provide an empathetic ear and a friendly face for the patient and their families,” continues Fones.

Volunteers also help in a variety of unique ways. They contribute to patient well-being through pet therapy, art, music, remembrance-life review, providing flowers, and more.

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.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or for more information, please call Beth Fones at Hospice at Home, (269) 637-3825 or toll free at (800) 637-3820; or go to www.hospiceathomecares.org.

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