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## Grief Support for Teens

**South Haven, MI** – Lory's Place, a Grief Healing and Education Center of South Haven Area Hospice and Hospice at Home, Inc., in partnership with LC Mohr High School in South Haven, have announced that the high school will soon have a support group for students who have experienced the death of someone close, be it a family member, friend, or some other significant person in their lives.

The group will begin meeting monthly in 2007 and provide fun, age-appropriate activities and a safe environment in which students can explore their feelings and experiences of grief.

The grief-support group will be facilitated by Lory's Place staff, experts in children's bereavement. Lory's Place, located in St. Joseph, MI, is committed to children, teens, and adults who are grieving. It offers them hope and provides support that facilitates the healing process.

Dene Hadden, principal of LC Mohr High School, explains that "grief support can help all of us better understand the feelings and changes brought about by a death. Studies suggest that extra support following a loss can help students function better at home and school, and gives them a special place for healing." He also notes that the loss does not have to be recent for the student to benefit from participation in the group. "The death might have occurred long ago but the student hasn't yet worked through all of the feelings about it.

Students and families interested in this program should contact the Guidance Office at LC Mohr High School or contact Lisa Bartoszek, Director of Lory's Place, at 269-983-2707 for more information.

South Haven Area Hospice and Hospice at Home, Inc. provide holistic quality care for individuals with life-limiting illness and their families. The care is coordinated by a team of physicians, nurses, aides, social workers, spiritual care counselors, bereavement coordinators, and trained volunteers. Hospice at Home and South Haven Area Hospice also care for families at Lory's Place, a bereavement and education center that builds hope and strength for every grieving family.

To receive more information about Lory's Place, South Haven Area Hospice or Hospice at Home call 1-800-717-3812, or go to [www.lorysplace.org](http://www.lorysplace.org) or [www.hospiceathome.org](http://www.hospiceathome.org).