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Lory's Place Serves the Community for Four Years

St. Joseph, MI, November 11, 2008 – Four years ago, on November 15, 2004, Lory's Place opened its doors to provide grief healing and education for grieving children and their families throughout Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana. Since that time, it has grown to serve hundreds of children, adults, and families, as well as educators, professionals, and the general public.

Located in the Edgewater area of St. Joseph, the unique center provides regularly scheduled peer support group sessions that allow participants to interact with others who have suffered similar loss. Music, art, story telling, nature, writing, and play are used as part of the healing process. The program services have expanded to schools and to children who do not have transportation to the center providing opportunities to support even more grieving children and teens. "For children unable to come to Lory's Place, we go to them. We now have nine outreach groups in elementary, middle and high schools from Niles to Bloomingdale, and many locations in between," states Lisa Bartoszek, Director of Bereavement and Lory's Place for Hospice at Home. "Crisis intervention, referral services, and community education are additional services that we provide to the community," continues Bartoszek.

Lory's Place was established in memory of Dr. Lory Schults, a local physician, wife, mother, daughter, and sister. In January of 2004, Lory was involved in a fatal car accident on the way to work leaving two small children to learn to live

without her. Hospice at Home, friends, family, and the entire community worked together to create Lory's Place so that the community has a safe, comforting atmosphere in which grief healing can take place. Through the support of the community, Lory's Place is able to provide all of its services at no charge.

Lory's Place is a family service of Hospice at Home. For more information about Lory's Place go to www.lorysplace.org or call (269) 983-2707.

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