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\$5,000 Raffle Winner Gives Back Money

St. Joseph, MI – On Saturday, August 4, Abonmarche President, Chris Cook, won the \$5,000 Lory's Place Lady Skipper Regatta Raffle prize and then donated the money back to Lory's Place. Over the summer, two-hundred raffle tickets were sold to help raise money for Lory's Place, the area's only grief healing and bereavement resource center for children and their families. "I was thrilled that I won," states Cook. "Lory's Place is a service to the community. I'm honored to support it anyway that I can." Nancy Burch, won the raffle second prize of a Whirlpool Duet washer and dryer with pedestal stands.

The raffle was one of several ways that the public supported the fourth annual Lady Skipper Regatta held in memory of local physician, Dr. Lory Schults, who tragically died in an automobile accident in 2004. "We had seventeen boats and hundreds of people involved in the event," states Lisa Bartoszek, Director of Lory's Place. "This year we raised over \$100,000 to help cover the cost of serving over 200 children and their families, as well as responding to crisis situations, and providing community outreach and education," continues Bartoszek.

One hundred and thirty-eight women participated in the sailing event. Race winners: Spinnaker Division - *Rush*, with lady skipper Michele Ahern; Jib & Main Division – *Indentured*, with lady skipper Lori Boekeloo.

Lory's Place was created by Hospice at Home, Inc. to help children and their families work through their grief so they can become capable, healthy, and optimistic about the future. The services are free to all who need them. Lory's Place is fully funded by the generous donations and gifts of our community through events such as the Lady Skipper Regatta.

For more information about the Lady Skipper Regatta or Lory's Place, go to www.lorysplace.org or call Lory's Place at (269) 983-2707.

Pictured: Lisa Bartoszek, Director of Lory's Place and Chris Cook, President of Abonmarche