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Lady Skipper Regatta Earns Over \$100,000 For Lory's Place

St. Joseph, MI – The fifth annual Dr. Lory Schults Memorial Lady Skipper Regatta on August 23, raised over \$100,000 for Lory's Place, the area's only grief healing and bereavement resource center for children and their families.

The annual event consisted of a sailing regatta, raffle, and dinner auction held in memory of local physician, Dr. Lory Schults, who tragically died in an automobile accident in 2004. "We had twelve 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.

Over one hundred women participated in the sailing event. Race winners: Spinnaker Division – *Wellenreiter V*, with lady skipper Katy Powers; Jib & Main Division – *First Light*, with lady skipper Bailey Carolla. Celebrations continued into the evening at the Vineland Center with an elegant dinner and spirited auction attended by over two hundred dedicated supporters.

Lory's Place is a bereavement service of Hospice at Home and was created 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 Lory's Place, go to www.lorysplace.org or call Lory's Place at (269) 983-2707.

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