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Healing Pastures Program Open House

St. Joseph, MI – Lory's Place, a Grief Healing and Education Center of Hospice at Home, and the Therapeutic Equestrian Center are collaborating to create a new bereavement support opportunity. The organizations will share aspects of the new program at a community open house on Friday, October 26 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The community open house will take place at the Therapeutic Equestrian Center located on more than 20 beautiful acres at 11930 N. Red Bud Trail, Buchanan, Michigan. South of Snow Road, between Grange and Little Glendora Roads, the farm is centrally located in Berrien County and has easy interstate access.

The new program is called Healing Pastures and will begin in the Spring of 2008. "Children will meet at the Therapeutic Equestrian Center for group sessions that allow them to interact with peers who have suffered a similar loss," states Lisa Bartoszek, Lorys' Place Director. "On the Therapeutic Equestrian Center grounds and in the stables, Lory's Place staff and trained volunteer facilitators will guide children through stations using art, story telling, nature, writing, and play time with the horses and leisurely walks on the picturesque grounds to promote the healing process," continues Bartoszek.

The Therapeutic Equestrian Center provides therapeutic horse related activities to those with special needs. Lory's Place helps children and their families work through their grief so they can become capable, healthy, and optimistic about the future. The Healing Pastures program will be available to Lory's Place children and families at no charge.

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

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