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## HOSPICE SELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hospice of Homer is pleased to announce that Jessica Ramsey Golden has been hired as the organization's new Executive Director. Jessica is a life-long Alaskan, and she and her family recently relocated to Homer from Anchorage. Her appointment is effective Monday, April 17.

Golden replaces long-time executive director Darlene Hilderbrand who elected to retire this year. Her last day on the job will be April 30. She and Ms. Golden plan to work together for about two weeks to facilitate a smooth transition.

Holding a 2007 bachelor's degree from UAA, Golden has worked for the Blood Bank of Alaska and the American Lung Association, serving these non-profit organizations in a variety of capacities that included public relations management, administration and technical writing, and fund development.

As Golden commented, "I am passionate about working in the non-profit world because I have witnessed first-hand the impact that philanthropy, volunteerism, and public health advocacy has on the lives of individuals and on the community." She brings a broad range of applicable skills, passions, and fresh ideas to this position, and the Board is excited to welcome her aboard.

At Hospice the executive director leads a small part-time staff and a host of volunteers and is tasked with coordinating direct client services, public outreach efforts, training of volunteers, and overseeing the medical equipment loan program, support groups, fundraising efforts and office administration. Trained volunteers provide most of the direct care services.

Hospice of Homer is a "non-medical hospice," serving communities in the southern Kenai Peninsula for more than 30 years. The Hospice mission is to provide—at no charge—comfort, dignity, and choice through care, support, and education to the frail and isolated and to those facing end-of-life issues. Hospice is defined by its central ideas of "neighbors-helping-neighbors" and "compassion in action."

Hospice welcomes Jessica, and looks forward to her guiding hand in continuing compassionate service to friends and neighbors in the lower Kenai Peninsula.

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