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## NEWS RELEASE

### Hospice Care of Middletown Announces New Development Director

**For immediate release – October 6, 2009:** Hospice Care of Middletown (HCOM) recently announced the appointment of Elaine Garver as Director of Development and Community Relations, effective October 5, 2009.

Elaine is an active member of the local Middletown community who brings a wealth of fund raising and public relations experience to HCOM. Elaine currently chairs the Women Living United committee for United Way of Middletown and serves on the United Way and the Monroe Community Foundation boards. She is the past president of the Middletown Rotary and is on its current board of directors, and she also holds an elected position on the Butler County Educational Service Center Board.

Elaine previously served as Vice President of Development and Community Relations for Abilities First Foundations, Inc. from 1998 to 2008 and was responsible for all fund raising, special events, and public relations. Prior to her work with Abilities First, Elaine worked for Middletown Regional Hospital in a variety of leadership roles including Director of Patient Relations, Volunteer Services, Marketing, and Public Relations.

President and CEO Amy Dallis believes that Elaine's arrival at HCOM is another positive for the organization, which prides itself on its reputation of high quality services delivered by a committed team of staff and volunteers. "Elaine exudes a passion for serving the greater Middletown community, which makes her the perfect choice to further the legacy of the region's hometown hospice. With her compassionate heart and her personal belief in the mission and values of Hospice Care of Middletown, I know that she will play an instrumental role in the future growth and expansion of our organization."

In addition to her development career and her record of extensive community involvement, Elaine also enjoys time with her family including her husband, Donald, and three grown daughters who are all educators: Jody, Jenny, and Janna. She also has four grandchildren.

Located in the historic downtown business district, Hospice Care of Middletown is a premier provider of comprehensive and compassionate care to persons with life-limiting illness and to their family and friends in the greater Middletown area.

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