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**Arbor Hospice announces new member of their Board of Directors**

**ANN ARBOR, Mich. –February 11, 2008–** Jackie Silhanek of Ann Arbor was named to Arbor Hospice’s Board of Directors. Silhanek currently serves as Vice President Integrated Solutions for Cardinal Health.

“I am drawn to the Arbor Hospice mission of providing compassionate care and emotional support to patients and families in a most-difficult time. I am also impressed with the grief-counseling support provided, particularly geared to children,” said Silhanek.

Silhanek is involved with many additional organizations including, the Community Council for The Sister-to-Sister Heart Foundation, American College of Healthcare Executives, Healthcare Finance Management Association, Michigan Healthcare Executive Group and Associates, and Greater Detroit Area Health Council. Previously, she was a six-year board member of the Junior League of Ann Arbor. She also volunteers at Harvest Elementary School and St. Andrew Catholic Church, both in Saline.

“We are excited to welcome Jackie to our Board of Directors,” said Gloria Danna Brooks, President & CEO of Arbor Hospice. “She is dedicated to our mission and her healthcare and philanthropic experience will be a tremendous benefit for the agency..”

Silhanek holds a degree in Speech Communication and Business Administration from Pennsylvania State University. She resides in Ann Arbor with her husband and their two children.

**About Arbor Hospice and The Arbor Hospice Foundation:**

For more than 24 years Arbor Hospice has been committed to providing quality, compassionate care for those experiencing the end of life journey. Arbor Hospice is integrated into the community with the help of its experienced staff and caring volunteers through its certified hospice services, residential hospice facility, grief support services, and community education programs. Arbor Hospice serves Ann Arbor and communities in Washtenaw County, Western Wayne County and Downriver with branches in Ann Arbor, Northville and Trenton. The Arbor Hospice Foundation provides philanthropic support for programs and services provided to over 3,000 individuals including patients, their families and community members served by Arbor Hospice.

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