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Threshold Choir and Local Hospice: The Sites and Sounds of A Thankful Heart

Now in its 23rd year, the *Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving*, hosted by Hope Hospice, will feature the Threshold Choir in an evening of music, candlelight, and reflection for those who have lost a loved one. The focus is spiritual rather than religious and promises to create a special time of thanksgiving and contemplation with others who share a similar loss. Honoring the ancient tradition of singing at the bedsides of those who are seriously ill, the Threshold Choir's repertoire includes singing in rounds, chants, lullabies, hymns, spirituals and classical choral music. According to Kate Munger, director, "The voice, as the original human instrument, is a true and gracious vehicle for compassion and comfort. It is a sacred, delightful way to build community. Some of our most treasured songs for bedside singing have been written by our choir members."

As people begin to think about how they will celebrate the season, those who have lost a loved one find the holidays a time of mixed feelings. The notion of 'getting through the holidays' is often a great challenge when a loved one has died. Thoughts include: "I want to go on with family traditions but just can't face Christmas without them; I hurt too much. I just want to get to January 2nd and move on." At Hope Hospice, handling the holidays is on everyone's mind. For this reason, the *Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving* offers the community an evening of reflection, candlelight, and inspiring music this Friday evening, November 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. - St. Philip Lutheran Church , 8850 Davona Drive, Dublin.

The partnership of Hope Hospice and the Threshold Choir will create an atmosphere of comfort and eloquence for all who attend. The *Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving* is open to the public and is free of charge. Following the service, there will be a potluck social and guests are invited to bring a dish to share. For more information call (925) 829-8770.

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