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**Seven HomeLife, Inc. Employees Named to
Michigan Quality Council Board of Examiners**

Kalamazoo, MI: Seven employees of HomeLife, Inc. in Kalamazoo, Michigan with an office in Battle Creek, Michigan, have been appointed to the 2008 Michigan Quality Council (MQC) Board of Examiners. One of these individuals was appointed to a Senior Examiner position.

Employees appointed include Kevin Steve, Program Director; Joel Parish, Behavior Analyst; Michele VandeZande, Business Office Manager; Kristen Brekke, Referral Coordinator; Eli DeLeon and Emily Taylor, Home Managers. Barry Bruns, President and co-owner of HomeLife, Inc. was appointed with a designation as Senior Examiner.

“This is the second year for several of our employees, and much was learned about how to operate a quality organization over the course of becoming examiners. This knowledge base will not only benefit other Michigan organizations; it will contribute to the improved practices within our own organization consistent with our commitment to performance excellence,” Bruns said. “I’m very pleased that these key leaders in our organization accepted the challenge and time commitment to become MQC examiners. In addition, I am humbled and take pride in the fact that I was invited to become a Senior Examiner.”

HomeLife provides specialized residential care to adults 18 and older who need assistance due to brain injury, neurological impairment or mental illness.

As Michigan Quality Council examiners, these individuals are able to participate in various levels of organizational performance review and will help to identify recipients of the Michigan Quality Leadership Award, the highest award available for quality recognition in the state. Examiners and senior examiners are selected for an unpaid appointment of one year.

Assessment by the MQC addresses key performance criteria ranging from leadership communication and strategic planning to workforce practices and process improvements. Through their involvement, examiners gain an in-depth understanding of the criteria and how to apply them to their own organizations.

The MQC's Leadership award program is modeled after the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Leadership program and evaluates an organization for excellence in seven performance categories: leadership; strategic planning; focus on customers; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; staff focus; business/organizational processes; and organizational results. Participating organizations receive a feedback report that identifies strengths and opportunities for improvement; those who progress to the highest scoring level become award recipients. For more information, visit www.quality.nist.gov.

The Michigan Quality Council was created in 1993 by business and government leaders to promote performance excellence practices among Michigan business, education, healthcare, and non-profit organizations. Now affiliated with Cleary University in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the MQC uses the Malcolm Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence to identify and promote best practices. Each year the MQC recognizes outstanding organizations and through its partners, provides organizational and professional development consulting. For more information, visit www.michiganquality.org.

Bruns and co-founder Scott Christ founded HomeLife, Inc. in 1996 with a vision to provide compassionate care to individuals with disabilities, and those struggling with the long-term effects of injury and illness. Today HomeLife, Inc. operates seven Kalamazoo area programs, each providing stable and optimal care that dignifies their clients as individuals while meeting their unique challenges. For more information, visit www.talkhome.net.