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## **Hospice of Michigan Accepting Applications for Camp Good Grief**

**Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 1, 2014 --** Hospice of Michigan is accepting applications for Camp Good Grief, a day camp designed to help children cope with the loss of a loved one.

The free one-day camp is being held on Friday, June 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Camp Newaygo, located at 5333 Centerline Road in Newaygo. Children ages 8-17 are invited to attend Camp Good Grief, which offers a combination of fun and adventurous camp activities with grief education and emotional support.

“At a time when they’re trying to fit in, the death of a loved one can make kids feel different and alone,” says Tangela Zielinski, grief support service manager at HOM. “Camp Good Grief allows children to connect with others that are in a similar situation and leaves them feeling they’re not all that different.”

Hospice of Michigan grief professionals and trained volunteers facilitate the camp, which is open to all children in the community who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Camp Good Grief is being graciously underwritten in part by The Gerber Foundation, which works to enhance the quality of life in infants and young children.

Camp Newaygo sits on 101 acres of land along a chain of lakes in the Manistee National Forest Region of mid-western Michigan. Its facilities and programs are accredited by the American Camp Association and licensed by the State of Michigan.

Space is limited and those interested are encouraged to register as soon as possible. For applications and more information, parents or guardians should call Zielinski at 231.527.0913.

### **About Hospice of Michigan**

A nationally recognized leader in end-of-life care, Hospice of Michigan is the original – and largest – hospice in the state. The non-profit cares for more than 1,400 patients each day in 56 counties across Michigan, raising more than \$4 million each year to cover the cost of care for the uninsured and underinsured. HOM offers a broad range of services to enhance the quality of life at the end of life, including At Home Support™, our advanced illness management program, community-based palliative care and pediatric care programs. HOM provides grief support and counseling, caregiver education and support, and education programs for physicians and healthcare professionals through its research, training and education arm, the Hospice of Michigan Institute. For more information, call 888.247.5701 or visit [www.hom.org](http://www.hom.org).

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