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Hospice of Michigan's Jodi Gauthier Receives 2014 Ansell H.E.R.O. Nurse Service Award

Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 25, 2014 – Hospice of Michigan is pleased to announce that Jodi Gauthier has been selected to receive the 2014 Ansell H.E.R.O. Nurse Service Award.

The award, which stands for heal, education, reach and overcome, was established in 2013 to recognize nurses who have made lasting impressions on their peers, patients, profession, and communities. Gauthier was one of 10 nurses across the nation to receive the award, and the only recipient from Michigan.

“We are delighted to have Jodi recognized for her amazing contributions to nursing and hospice care,” said Katherine Morrison, operations manager at HOM. “Jodi is an exemplarily hospice nurse. She has a knack for comforting patients, determining what’s important to them and providing quality-of-life at end-of-life.”

Gauthier, who became a RN in 1976, has worked with HOM for 22 years. She specializes in caring for hospice patients in facilities where family often isn’t involved, helping to create a “sacred space” for patients that provides dignity and respect.

Ansell H.E.R.O. award recipients were nominated and voted on by the community during a one-month selection process. The top 10 nominees with the most votes received an award plaque, nursing reference book of their choice and have their story profiled at www.ansellhero.com.

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.

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