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Hospice of Michigan to Hold Volunteer Orientation in August

Gaylord, Michigan, July 21, 2014 – Hospice of Michigan will hold volunteer orientation on Tuesday, Aug. 12 in in Gaylord.

New volunteers are asked to go through a training course where they learn more about HOM, the principles of hospice, the grieving process and how to help patients, families and staff.

The session, which will be held from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., will take place at HOM’s Gaylord office, 830 S. Otsego. Lunch and snacks will be served and advance registration is required.

Hospice of Michigan is looking for volunteers to provide patient companionship and grief support to clients and families in Otsego, Crawford, Montmorency, Antrim and Emmet counties.

“If you have a few hours to spare every week, you can make a real difference in someone’s life,” said Amanda Fleming, volunteer program coordinator. “Making a cup of tea or reading the newspaper to someone struggling with illness not only adds normalcy to their day, it gives caregivers much-needed relief and the personal time they need.

“The opportunities to volunteer are virtually limitless. Our best volunteers have a passion for helping others. They may or may not have a specific skill to share, but they have the time and willingness to make a difference in the life of patients and their families.”

For more information or to register, please contact Fleming at 989.705.2604 or afleming@hom.org.

For those who have experienced a loss, HOM encourages a waiting period of one year before becoming a volunteer in order to allow for the processing of grief.

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.