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**Hospice of Michigan Expands Presence in Cadillac,
Adds Staff, Moves to Larger Offices**
Organization is Looking for Volunteers to Support its Work in the Community

Cadillac, Michigan, March 23, 2015 – Hospice of Michigan is expanding its presence in Cadillac by adding staff and moving to larger offices.

Although just down the hall from its current space, Hospice of Michigan is increasing its footprint and moving into a more functional layout. The new office at 932 N. Mitchell St. offers expanded meeting space and a dedicated room for one-on-one counseling sessions.

The state's original – and largest – provider of hospice and palliative care is also expanding its Cadillac-based team, which serves patients and families in Wexford, Missaukee, Lake, Grand Traverse, Clare, Mecosta and Osceola counties. Joining the team are:

- Laurie Cross, a registered nurse with hospice care and emergency room experience
- Becky Susanka, a hospital aide with hospice and private home care experience
- Sierra King, certified health aid with nursing home and home care experience
- Ashely Glazier, staff scheduler with experience in scheduling and medical office management

“We are incredibly pleased to welcome Laurie, Becky, Sierra and Ashely to the Cadillac office,” said Christine Mondrella, operations manager for HOM. “Our 17-member team is rooted in the community and includes registered nurses and hospice aides, a spiritual care advisor, a social worker and a grief support counselor who work together to meet the needs of families facing the loss of a loved one.

“Our goal is to help patients and families find quality of life at the end of life. Our new offices will support that mission.”

The new offices will allow Hospice of Michigan to add more educational workshops and presentations as well as better accommodate its growing Living On Support Group. Tangela Zelinski, grief support services manager, welcomes the addition of a dedicated room for individual grief counseling sessions.

“Rather than meeting the bereaved in a conference room, the Cadillac office now features a cozy room with a comfortable couch, chair and bookcase where we can meet and talk,” Zelinski said. “It is both comfortable and welcoming, and I am delighted to be able to provide one-on-one grief services in such a sacred space.”

Cadillac is also looking for volunteers to provide patient care and companionship, grief support and community outreach support to clients and families. For more information, visit <http://www.hom.org/get-involved/getting-started/>.

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 nonprofit cares for more than 1,700 patients each day, 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 health care 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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