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Hospice of Michigan to Hold Volunteer Training Workshop in April

Detroit, March 18, 2015 – Hospice of Michigan will hold a volunteer training workshop on Saturday, April 11 in Detroit.

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 will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The session will take place at the HOM Detroit office, 400 Mack Ave. Advance registration is required.

Hospice of Michigan is looking for volunteers to provide patient care and companionship, grief support and community outreach support to clients and families in Southeast Michigan.

“Our volunteers make a real difference in the lives of our patients,” said Alison Wagner, volunteer program manager. “In just a couple of hours, by playing cards or reading the newspaper, volunteers can provide a sense of normalcy to hospice patients. This short time also gives caregivers a brief – but valuable – respite.

“The most important attribute in a volunteer is a passion for helping others. While our skilled and specialty volunteers are invaluable, we also deeply appreciate those volunteers who provide companionship and daily assistance. The opportunities to volunteer are virtually limitless.”

Interested parties should visit <http://www.hom.org/get-involved/getting-started/> to learn more and apply. For more information and to register after submitting an application, please contact Wagner at 313.578.6259 or awagner@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 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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