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Hospice of Michigan to Hold Volunteer Training in May

Saginaw, Michigan, March 9, 2015 – Hospice of Michigan will hold volunteer training on Saturday, May 2 in Saginaw.

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. and will include a complimentary lunch.

The session will take place at the Hospice of Michigan office in Saginaw, 3995 Fashion Square Blvd, Suite 1. Advance registration is required.

Hospice of Michigan is looking for volunteers to serve clients and families in Bay, Saginaw and Midland counties by providing:

- Patient companionship
- Caregiver relief
- Grief support
- Hairstylists
- Support and outreach for community events

“In just a few hours a week, our volunteers make real differences in our patients’ lives and in the lives of their primary caregivers,” said Alison Wagner, volunteer program manager. “Our volunteers assist in day-to-day activities that make all the difference in quality of life. From making a cup of tea to reading the newspaper, it brings much-needed relief and normalcy to patients and family members alike.

“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.”

Those interested in learning more or applying should visit <http://www.hom.org/get-involved/getting-started/>. After submitting an application or for more information, 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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