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Hospice of Michigan Receives \$126,000 Grant from Jewish Fund for Caregiver Workshops

Detroit, July 6, 2015 – Hospice of Michigan has received a three-year \$126,000 grant from the Jewish Fund to develop a series of education and support workshops for family caregivers of hospice patients and chronically ill adults and children.

The workshop series is expected to begin Oct. 1 and will be offered to families of patients in Southeast Michigan currently receiving hospice and palliative care. Course content will be developed and presented by HOM along with medical and other specialists from the Detroit Medical Center. Topics might include:

- What it means to be a caregiver
- Effect of chronically ill patient on the function of the family
- Taking care of yourself
- Accessing and developing resources
- Managing medications

“As our population ages, the demand for caregivers is increasing – as is the demand placed on caregivers,” said Dr. Michael Paletta, executive director of the Hospice of Michigan Institute, which secured the grant. “Through the generous grant made by the Jewish Fund, we can offer caregivers the enhanced training they need to provide effective care and utilize available health care resources.”

Hospice of Michigan serves more than 1,700 patients across the Lower Peninsula, more than half of them in Southeast Michigan. As the original – and largest – provider of hospice and palliative care in the state, HOM provides traditional hospice care as well specialized palliative programs and comfort care programs that serve children, patients struggling with serious illnesses and their families.

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.

About the Jewish Fund

The Jewish Fund was established in 1997 from the sale proceeds of Sinai Hospital, a Jewish community-

funded facility that grew into one of metropolitan Detroit's top health care institutions. As a legacy of Sinai Hospital, The Jewish Fund continues the tradition of assuring excellent and compassionate care for those in need in Metropolitan Detroit through its annual grant making. The Jewish Fund was created as a resource for the entire community, devoted to supporting vulnerable Jews as well as to supporting the health needs of the broader community and enhancing positive relations between the Jewish community and Detroit. For more information, visit <http://thejewishfund.org/>.

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