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Hospice of Michigan to Host Celebration of Life and Love Dinner
Dinner Honors HOM Supporters with Crystal Rose Award

Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 20, 2015 – Hospice of Michigan will host its semiannual Celebration of Life and Love dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 9 in Grand Rapids.

The event will honor community partners, corporate leaders and outstanding individuals who have been a vital part of the success of Hospice of Michigan’s vision and mission. This year’s honorees include:

- Outstanding Community Partner: Grand Rapids Ballet, for its collaboration on the re-imagined “Nutcracker” that made its world premiere in Grand Rapids in 2014
- Outstanding Volunteers: Judy and Jim Czanko
- Outstanding Corporate Partner: Hansen/Balk Steel Treating, a Grand Rapids heat-treating facility
- Outstanding Individuals: Early pioneers of Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids, the predecessor agency to Hospice of Michigan

“Each year, we shine a spotlight on the people, organizations and companies that go above and beyond in helping us achieve our mission,” said Marcie Hillary, vice president of resource development and executive director of Hospice of Michigan-West Michigan. “This year, we are so pleased to honor the Ballet, Judy and Jim Czanko, Hansen/Balk and the early pioneers of Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids for the significant contributions they make to us throughout the year.”

A Crystal Rose Award will be presented to each honoree. The image of the rose honors HOM’s roots as a volunteer-based organization and an early practice of placing a single long-stemmed red rose on the bed of a patient after death in memory of his or her life.

Now in its 20th year, the event will take place 6 to 9 p.m. at Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 187 Monroe Ave. NW in the Ambassador Ballroom.

Tickets are \$100 and may be purchased online at hom.convio.net/c1115 or by contacting Barbara Anderson at 616.356.5266 or banderso@hom.org. Proceeds from the dinner will support HOM’s ongoing nonprofit mission to provide comfort and care to all those in need of its services regardless of diagnosis or ability to pay.

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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