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**Hospice of Michigan to Hold Volunteer Orientation in September**

**Alpena, Michigan, July 29, 2015** – Hospice of Michigan will hold a volunteer orientation on Monday, Sept. 21 in Alpena.

Hospice of Michigan is looking for volunteers to provide patient care and companionship to clients and families in Alpena and its surrounding counties. The organization is especially in need of volunteers who can join its bedside vigil program, ensuring all patients have someone with them at the time of their deaths.

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 and their families.

The session will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at HOM’s Alpena office at 112 West Chisholm St. and will include a complimentary lunch.

Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact Amanda Fleming at 989.358.4293 or via e-mail at [afleming@hom.org](mailto:afleming@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 of Michigan. The nonprofit organization cares for more than 1,400 patients each day in 56 counties, raising more than \$4 million each year to cover the cost of care for the uninsured and underinsured. HOM offers innovative programs to enhance the quality of care for people at the end of life, education programs for physicians and health care professionals, caregiver education materials, cultural diversity programs for end-of-life care, and research and education programs at the Maggie Allesee Center for Innovation. For more information, call Hospice of Michigan’s Telesupport Center 24/7 at 888.247.5701 or go to [www.hom.org](http://www.hom.org).

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