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Hospice of Michigan Names Grief Support Services Manager for Cadillac

Cadillac, Michigan, March 17, 2016 – A longtime Hospice of Michigan volunteer has been hired to oversee grief support services and educational programming for the Cadillac area.

Will Gasper of LeRoy will serve as the grief support services manager. His responsibilities include designing, developing and implementing programs and services for those who are bereaved.

Gasper's extensive volunteer work with HOM includes leading grief support groups and providing one-on-one counseling. He also served as a volunteer with HOM's Companionship program, which provides support for patients living at home or in a facility, and its My Stories program, which assist patients in recording memories.

His work experience includes many years as an adjunct professor for Ferris State University, where he taught a career exploration class for undecided students and also counseled those who needed extra help. He holds a master's degree in professional counseling from Central Michigan University, and also holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

"We welcome Will to our team to help provide these vital services for individuals in this area," said Karen Monts, practice manager of counseling services at Hospice of Michigan. "We rely on grief managers such as Will to provide support for our families and caregivers going through bereavement, as well as help the community understand our mission and how we can help with grief and loss issues."

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 nearly 1,800 patients each day, raising more than \$5 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 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. In January 2016, HOM joined forces with Arbor Hospice and Palliative Care, strengthening the mission of nonprofit hospice in Michigan to ensure patients and their caregivers receive the highest quality of care. For more information, call 888.247.5701 or visit www.hom.org.

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