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**Hospice of Michigan to host free screening of
Being Mortal on Sept. 21 at the City Opera House**

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (Aug. 21, 2016) – Join [Hospice of Michigan](#) for a free screening and discussion of the PBS FRONTLINE documentary, [Being Mortal](#), from 5:30 – 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at the City Opera House, located at 106 East Front Street in Traverse City. The 54 minute film is based on the best-selling book by Atul Gawande, M.D.

The film explores the hopes of terminally ill patients and their families, investigates the practice of caring for the dying, and delves into the relationships between patients and their doctors.

Following the screening, moviegoers are invited to a special panel session at 7:15 p.m. with medical experts moderated by Jack O'Malley, Hospice of Michigan volunteer and WTCM-FM morning host. Attendees will learn how to take steps to identify and communicate wishes about end-of-life goals and preferences.

Panelists include:

- Dr. Mark Zook, medical director at Hospice of Michigan
- Stephanie Vanslyk, registered nurse and advance care planning specialist
- Kathryn Holl, grief support service manager at Hospice of Michigan

Hospice of Michigan partnered with Michael's Place to bring this documentary to the Traverse City area.

For more information about the free screening, please contact Kathryn Holl at (231) 929-1557 or kholl@hom.org. To RSVP, please visit <http://hom.convio.net/beingmortal>.

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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