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## Hospice of Michigan and Arbor Hospice Strengthen Affiliated Organization with New Hires and Promotions

Alison Wagner, Susan Cujar, Kim Little and Heather Doom serve nonprofit hospice agency in new roles

**DETROIT** (Feb.16, 2017) – <u>Hospice of Michigan</u> and <u>Arbor Hospice</u> continue to strengthen the affiliated nonprofit organization with the announcement of new and promoted staff. These individuals will help facilitate both hospice agencies' quality care provided to more than 1,900 patients each day throughout the state of Michigan.

Alison Wagner has been promoted to director of volunteer services and complementary therapies. Wagner began her career with Hospice of Michigan in March 2014 as a volunteer services program regional manager. She is responsible for overseeing 600 statewide volunteers and 19 staff members who provide comfort and peace to patients and their families. Wagner also manages the nonprofit's complementary therapy programs that include music, massage and pet therapies. These programs provide hospice patients direct interaction with skilled clinicians to bring pain and anxiety relief. Wagner, a resident of Farmington, Michigan, has a Bachelor of Arts in business, a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance with minors in flute and piano all from Michigan State University and a Master of Arts in arts administration from New York University.

Joining the affiliated organization as sales representatives are Susan Cujar, of Troy, Michigan, and Kim Little, of Garden City, Michigan. Cujar serves Livingston County. Her last position was with Trinity Health at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Homecare and Hospice, and she has more than 20 years of biotech and pharmaceutical sales and management experience.

Little is responsible for sales and marketing in western Wayne County and Southern Oakland County. Previously with Heartland Hospice, Home Care and Home Infusion, she brings more than nine years of hospice sales experience to the affiliated organization.

Heather Doom, of Willis, Michigan, has been hired as a program assistant for the Hospice of Michigan Institute, Anchors Programs for Children and grief support and volunteer services that serves both organizations. In her new role, Doom will help coordinate new hire orientations and the university online education tools.

## **About Hospice of Michigan and Arbor Hospice**

A nationally recognized leader in end-of-life care, Hospice of Michigan is the original – and largest – hospice in the state, with roots dating back to the 1970s. 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. Headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Arbor has been providing quality, compassionate care for those experiencing life-limiting illnesses throughout southeast Michigan since 1984. Combined, the affiliated organization cares for nearly 1,900 patients each day across the state.

Together, HOM and Arbor raise more than \$6 million each year to cover the cost of care for uninsured and underinsured patients. Both nonprofit organizations provide a broad range of certified hospice and palliative care services to enhance the quality of life at the end of life, including community-based palliative care and pediatric care programs, grief support and counseling and caregiver education and support. Additionally, HOM offers education programs for physicians and health care professionals through its research, training and education arm, the Hospice of Michigan Institute. Arbor offers inpatient hospice care. For more information about HOM, call 888.247.5701 or visit <a href="https://www.arborhospice.org">www.hom.org</a>. For more information about Arbor, call 888.992.2273 or visit <a href="https://www.arborhospice.org">www.arborhospice.org</a>.

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