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Hospice of Michigan to host free Writing Through Loss workshop

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (Sept. XX, 2017) – Join [Hospice of Michigan](#) and [Michael's Place](#) for Writing Through Loss: A Salve for Healing, a workshop program that uses writing as a form of healing from grief. The group will meet every Thursday between Sept. 14 and Oct. 19 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Michael's Place, located at 1212 Veterans Dr. in Traverse City.

The event is free and open to adults grieving a loss and interested in writing, regardless of whether or not their loved one received service from Hospice of Michigan. Journals and pens will be provided, and light refreshments will be served.

The group will be led by Kathryn Holl and Melissa Fournier, licensed professionals in the counseling and social work fields. Holl is a grief support services manager at Hospice of Michigan and former instructor of Life Story writing. Fournier, program director at Michael's Place, is a social worker and writer whose poetry has appeared in the Dunes Review, The Sow Ear's Poetry Review, and is forthcoming in Pulse. She received the 2013 William J. Shaw Prize for Poetry awarded by Michigan Writers.

By sharing experiences and writing about their loss, group members can find a means to heal on the journey of grief.

To register, contact Kathryn Holl at kholl@hom.org or 231.929.1557.

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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