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**Hospice of Michigan Seeks Volunteers to Make a Difference in the Lives of Others**

*Nonprofit hospice agency will hold training session on Oct. 5 for community members*

**ALPENA, Mich. (Sept. 20, 2017)** – [Hospice of Michigan](http://www.hom.org) is seeking caring and compassionate individuals to donate their time as volunteers in the Alpena area. The nonprofit organization will hold a training session from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017 at 145 N. State Ave. in Alpena. Those who have a passion for patient companionship, or who are music-minded or military-focused, are encouraged to attend the one-day training session.

Individuals will learn about working with patients, as well as information about the nonprofit hospice agency, its patients and the benefits that active volunteers may experience. Hospice of Michigan's volunteer program manager, Kathy Lietaert, will lead the training session.

The Hospice of Michigan volunteer program shapes each contributor's experience to accommodate individual availabilities and preferences. The training session offers the opportunity to build relationships, develop new skills, and ultimately make a difference in the community.

The training session is open to the public. Please call Kathy Lietaert at 231.779.5409 to register. To submit an online application prior to the session, please visit [www.hom.org/volunteer-application/](http://www.hom.org/volunteer-application/). Paper applications will also be available the day of the session.

For more information about Hospice of Michigan, visit [www.hom.org](http://www.hom.org)

**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](http://www.hom.org).

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