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FOUNDATION

Our Mission:
To receive and administer
funds to support the mission of
McLaren Northern Michigan and
support programs that enhance
the well-being of the community.

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You Give Comfort

Your gifts to McLaren Home Care and Hospice provide so much more than health care. They help patients and their families experience compassion, kindness, and comfort during difficult days. Thank you.

Why We Need Your Help

Many patients come to us with little or no insurance, and we are happy to provide care for them. But the cost of an overnight stay at one of our hospice houses is \$164, and that does not include the medical costs associated. Without gifts from donors, we would not be able to cover the costs of operating our full range of hospice services and maintaining our hospice houses. **We need your help to maintain services for patients in need.**

Your gifts help bridge the gap in funding!

Here's how you can help today:

- Give \$164 to pay for the cost of an overnight stay for one patient
- Give a monthly recurring gift to cover patient care costs
- Give a one-time gift of any amount
- Plan a future gift in your will or estate plan

Simply mail your gift in the enclosed envelope, and we will make sure that your contribution is directed to the right place.

All donations support local patients.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and share our stories with your friends and family to encourage them to give as well!



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Thank You for Helping Hospice Patients

Dear Friends,

Your generous gifts to our hospice program provide dignity, hope, and memories for end-of-life patients and their family members. And while COVID-19 has changed many things over the past year, McLaren's dedication to providing care that meets the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our patients and their loved ones has continued.

Enclosed in this newsletter are stories of how a simple greeting card can bring cheer to those who need it most and how our hospice heroes continued to serve patients during a pandemic. None of this would be possible without your generous support.

You are the reason hundreds of patients, no matter their financial situation, can receive high-quality, compassionate hospice care. Please consider how you can support hospice patients with a gift today.

Thank you,

Julie Jarema
Chief Development Officer
McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation

Elise Fisher
Board Chair
McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation

Families Are Grateful



Volunteers

Make the Difference

Many hospice patients have been isolated throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Although volunteers have not been allowed in the homes of hospice patients for the past year due to COVID-19 restrictions, some thoughtful McLaren Hospice volunteers found a special way to show their care and support.

Through handwritten notes and greeting cards, hospice volunteers established personal relationships with hospice patients and their family members. Some even went above and beyond by putting together personalized packages or meaningful gifts and delivering them to patients' doorsteps. Your generosity supported the purchase of cards, gifts, and travel expenses for our volunteers providing essential compassionate care in new and creative ways.

Thank you for lifting the burden many faced during this challenging time. Your gifts enhance the quality of life for the patient and family when faced with end-of-life care.



Pepsi Beverages Company Raises Funds for Hiland Cottage

Each year during their Employee Appreciation Week, Pepsi Beverages Company in Petoskey fundraises for a local non-profit. "It is important to invest in the community. Hospice provides a special level of care to our community members and we wanted to be a part of that," said Amanda Cashen, Administrative Assistant at Pepsi Beverages Company. Through employee activities and giveaways, Amanda and 33 of her colleagues were able to raise \$1,075 to support Petoskey's hospice house, Hiland Cottage.

"We thank everyone at Hiland Cottage for what they do day in and day out for those in our community," said Amanda.

"The amount of care and compassion that is provided to those in hospice and their families is something that the caregivers can and should be proud of."

**AMANDA CASHEN,
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, PEPSI BEVERAGES COMPANY**

If you would like to host a fundraiser for McLaren Northern Michigan, visit www.mclaren.org/NorthernFundraiser.

Friend of Cheboygan Hospice House Makes Meaningful Gift

Blanche M. Many was a court reporter who lived and worked in Cheboygan for over 50 years. Throughout her life, Ms. Many took notice of the events around her and the organizations that made an impact on the community. After providing for family members, Ms. Many quietly made arrangements in her trust to support programs and services that were making a difference for others.

Recognizing the impact of hospice care in the community, Ms. Many left the bulk of her estate, including her home, to McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation to benefit patients cared for at the Cheboygan Hospice House. Today, her gifts continue to ensure compassionate care for hospice patients and their family members in Cheboygan.

"We are so grateful for Ms. Blanche Many's generosity, foresight, and support of our mission," said Julie Jarema, Chief Development Officer. "This gift was unexpected and greatly benefits hospice patients and their family members."



Blanche M. Many



Legacy Gifts Make a Big Impact

Each year, contributions and memorial gifts allow McLaren Home Care & Hospice to provide care and support to hundreds of patients and their families throughout northern Michigan. Legacy gifts, those that are included in your will or estate plan, are extremely important and allow us to secure the long-term future of hospice care throughout the region. Without them, we simply would not be able to provide all the services we do.

Leaving a gift in your will or designating McLaren Home Care & Hospice as a beneficiary of your retirement assets or life insurance policy could be the single biggest donation you ever make. It is also likely to be the one that makes the biggest difference.

For more information about how you might leave your legacy with a gift in your will, call McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation at 231-487-3500.

The McLaren Hospice program covers an 11-county service area spanning from the eastern Upper Peninsula to northern lower Michigan.

Generous donations support uninsured and underinsured patients receiving compassionate end-of-life care as well as minor medical equipment, furnishings, comfort items, and bereavement programs for both adults and children.

Thank you for continuing to support McLaren Hospice. The appreciation of patients and their family members cannot be measured.