

Boyne Eta Nu Charities donates \$4,355 to Hospice of NW Michigan

Boyne Eta Nu Charities, a community-focused organization that contributes resources to the Boyne City area through service projects and fundraisers, held their Annual Lights of Love tree lighting ceremony on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. This has been an annual event for the community and organization since 1987. The poignant celebration is held each year to honor and commemorate the lives of those who have been lost or who are simply not near during the holiday season. Each year the effort raises funds for the local hospice agency, Hospice of Northwest Michigan, providing funds to be used for unmet needs that may transpire in a difficult time for families. Hospice care is a benefit that is funded by Medicare and many insurance policies, but not all costs are met by the allowance, so fundraisers like Lights of Love help cover those needs. Eta Nu and Hospice of Northwest Michigan would like to thank everyone who purchased hearts and tree lights as well as the sponsors who contributed materials or services for this year's event. It could not be a success without their support. Sponsors included Bob Grove and the Dilworth Hotel who hosted the tree; Hailey Drost, who donated the tree; Miller Poineau & Naumes INC, provided the wood hearts; Industrial Magnetics Inc. who provided the printing; Val and Larry Glasgow, owners of Water Street Café; and Sydney Wormel from Upsy-Daisy Floral and Kimberly Pappas from The Brook Retirement Communities who provided beautiful flower arrangements. This year there were 41 personalized hearts and 127 memorial tree lights bought to help make this another incredible event. In the past 31 years, over \$100,000 has been raised and donated to Hospice of Northwest Michigan through these efforts. At a chapter meeting of the organization on January 14, 2019, Pati Scott, Boyne Eta Nu Lights of Love Committee Chairwoman presented Jeanne Marriott, Executive Director of Hospice of Northwest Michigan, with a check in the amount of \$4,355.00 – the entire amount received from the efforts. "The time and labor these Eta Nu ladies put in to making this fundraiser a success is simply amazing," noted Marriott.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan is a 501(c)3 non-profit, community based hospice, serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. Call (800) 551-4140 or email j.marriott@nwhealth.org for more information on hospice services, or to learn more about how you can help with a fundraiser of your own, or as a volunteer for patients.

Photo Description: Committee members gather after the lighting ceremony celebrating with an evening of food and fellowship. Ladies left to right: Connie Tenkel, Kathy Henricks, Suzanne Snyder, Pati Scott, Marnie Parrott, Jeanne Marriott, Sharon Kemp, Candy Greene