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Grant Supports Patient Assistance Needs for Northern Michigan Residents

Petoskey, MI - A \$3,000 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F) is assisting McLaren Northern Michigan patients with resources to improve their access to necessary medical care. Donations in support of the patient assistance program help patients, and their families, overcome financial barriers to accessing important medical services.

During the past year, the grant from the C3F has assisted 50 Charlevoix County residents with medical supplies, prescriptions, gas cards, lodging, and food expenses related to travel for medical care. This funding ensures that northern Michigan patients don't have to choose between medicine and groceries, or skip life-saving treatment because they don't have money to put gas in their car. For so many patients, a little help overcoming financial barriers can keep them on the path to health, healing, and wellness.

"We are grateful to the C3F and to our many other donors who chose to support the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation Patient Assistance Programs," said Patrick Schulte, Vice President and Chief Development Officer with McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation. "Their generosity and compassion for our fellow community members provides the critical resources to overcome barriers to receiving much-needed care."

“With this grant, some financial assistance can make a big difference in helping a loved one overcome an illness. C3F is proud to join this group of donors who are so generously helping friends and neighbors with healing and recovery,” said Maureen Radke, Program Officer for C3F.

For more information about McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation, call (231) 487-3500.

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About the Charlevoix County Community Foundation

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a local charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all citizens of Charlevoix County by building permanent endowment, addressing needs through grantmaking, and providing leadership resources to serve the community. More information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation may be found at www.c3f.org or by calling 231-536-2440.

About McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation

The mission of the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation is to receive and administer funds to support the mission of McLaren Northern Michigan and programs that enhance the well-being of the community. Since 2007, McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation donors have supported over \$40 million in projects at McLaren Northern Michigan including a diverse array of facility upgrades, equipment purchases and programmatic support. Learn more by calling (231) 487-3500 or visit nmh-foundation.org.

About McLaren Northern Michigan

McLaren Northern Michigan, a subsidiary of McLaren Health Care, is a 202-bed, regional referral center located in Petoskey, serving residents in 22 counties across northern lower Michigan and the eastern part of the Upper Peninsula. Over 230 physicians represents nearly all medical and surgical specialties, enabling full-service care with an emphasis on heart, cancer, orthopedics, and neuroscience services. For additional information, visit mclaren.org/northern.