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### **McLaren Northern Michigan CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS**

Dedicated. Caring. Outstanding. All words to describe the 287 volunteers that donated 18,129 hours in 2017 to the patients and families of McLaren Northern Michigan and McLaren Home Care & Hospice.

For Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 15-21), McLaren Northern Michigan and McLaren Home Care & Hospice colleagues want to give praise to each volunteer's dedication to the patients.

"Our volunteers are incredible, kind, compassionate, enthusiastic, and caring," stated Tanya Janes, Volunteer and Community Health Manager at McLaren Northern Michigan. "It is a great feeling to be able to work with the individuals who make a profound impact at our hospital. We love our volunteers!"

There is something for everyone who wants to give of their time. Volunteer opportunities for McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey and Cheboygan include guide service, Petoskey gift shop, emergency department, outpatient surgery, diagnostic testing, knitting and crafting, special projects and events, Cheboygan CARE van driver, and clerical assistance.

"Our Cheboygan volunteers bring so much joy to our patients, visitors, and colleagues," stated Shawna Hancock, Executive Assistant at McLaren Northern Michigan Cheboygan Campus. "For them to give freely of their time to help others is truly a gift to our organization."

McLaren Home Care & Hospice encompasses hospice programs serving large populations of northern Michigan and the eastern part of the Upper Peninsula. There is great need for volunteers in all areas to help patients in the home with respite care, cooking, companionship, and

transportation. Additional opportunities with hospice include gardening, knitting, quilting, crafts, 11<sup>th</sup> hour support, legacy projects, office work, community events, and special services such as hairstyling and massage therapy.

“We are very proud of the service our volunteers provide to the patients, their families, the staff, and our communities. They offer so much and ask for nothing in return. They really are the backbone to our Hospice programs,” stated Krista Siler, Beth Koel, and Nick Jarvis, Volunteer Coordinators for McLaren Home Care & Hospice.

McLaren Northern Michigan would like to thank all volunteers across our region for the dedication and service they provide. Thank you for making northern Michigan a better, and healthier, place to live!

If you are interested in volunteering for McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey, please call (800) 248-6777. For more information on volunteering with McLaren Home Care & Hospice, please call (800) 342-7711.

**For information on services available at McLaren Northern Michigan, please call (800) 248-6777 or visit [mclaren.org/northern](http://mclaren.org/northern).**

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### **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 represent 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](http://mclaren.org/northern).