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MICHAEL'S PLACE OFFERS NEW ADDICTION LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Support Group Offered 1st and 3rd Mondays at 5:30pm

TRAVERSE CITY, MI., September 10, 2018 – Michael's Place, northern Michigan's only non-profit grief support center, is launching a new support group, Prescribing Hope; open to those who have experienced a loved one's death due to addiction or overdose. This group is offered in conjunction with Families Against Narcotics and will be held at Michael's Place the first and third Mondays of each month at 5:30p.m.

"Overdose deaths continue to rise in the United States and we are seeing that same increase in our local community" said Melissa Fournier, Program Director.

While Michael's Place has been caring for the bereaved who've lost loved ones to overdose and addiction for many years, the need is compounded by the current opioid epidemic.

"Families Against Narcotics has begun important work in our community, and when they approached us to talk about grief and bereavement, it only made sense that we would work together to begin support groups specific to loss by overdose and addiction," Fournier added.

For those who are bereaved, loss by overdose is often traumatic, disenfranchising, and complicated. The support of others who understand this loss firsthand is essential to decreasing the sense of isolation and stigmatization so many often feel. If you or someone you know has experienced a loss from addiction and are interested in attending, contact Michael's Place directly at (231) 947-6453 or EMAIL ADDRESS for more information on how to enroll.

About Michael's Place

Michael's Place is a grief support center for children, teens, adults. The organization gives those who grieve a voice to share their story, care and support to survive their loss, and hope to begin to live again. Last year, Michael's Place provided grief support services to 1,700 individuals in the community at no cost.

For more information, visit www.MyMichaelsPlace.net or call (231) 947-6453.

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