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MICHAEL'S PLACE IMPACT 100 GRANT AWARD FOCUSED ON IMPROVED AND EXPANDED SERVICES FOR TRAUMATIC LOSS

TRAVERSE CITY, MI., October 8, 2020 – Michael's Place, northern Michigan's only non-profit grief support center, has been chosen as one of three organizations to receive this year's Impact 100 grant, funding its "Tending the Wounds" initiative focused on improving and expanding services for those faced with a traumatic loss including deaths from suicide and overdose.

"Receiving the Impact 100 grant solidifies 20 years of purposeful work in our region and all who have made it possible," said Karen Browne, CEO of TBA Credit Union and Board President. "We are grateful to the women of Impact 100 for the opportunity to transform our organization at a time when it is most imperative." The Impact 100 award supports Michael's Place vision to meet the rising needs of those traumatized by a death of despair. The transformational funding gives Michael's Place the opportunity to build the volunteer team of highly trained community members helping us meet the growing bereavement needs of our region.

"The Impact 100 grant will enable Michael's Place to significantly improve the quality and quantity of our volunteer and staff training to more fully meet the needs of those suffering with traumatic loss," Mindy Buell, Executive Director, said. "This grant will help us reach and care for those traumatically bereaved with a robust team of well-prepared group facilitators and individual grief navigators." With the Impact 100 funding, training will be accessible all year allowing us to more readily meet the needs of our community."

Tending the Wounds is an initiative focused on:

- Education and training of staff and volunteers on trauma and traumatic bereavement
- Creation of training modules for new and current volunteers available online increasing the organization's capacity to serve a larger number of children and adults in the regional community
- Additional opportunities for more individualized support
- Building a robust team of trained individuals who are ready and prepared to support grieving individuals and families, schools, and workplaces

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 nearly 3000 individuals in the community at no cost.

For more information on Michael's Place, or how you can get involved, visit www.MyMichaelsPlace.net or contact us at (231) 947-6453.

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