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**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Purse Party  
May 6 to benefit Camp Courage**

Need a new purse? Maybe two? You're in luck!

The much-anticipated fourth annual Purse Party will be held Sunday, May 6, 2018 beginning at 12:30 PM at the White Lake Eagles in Whitehall. Proceeds will help fund *Camp Courage*, a three-day sleep-away summer camp held at Pioneer Trails for children ages 6-12 and 15-19 who are grieving the loss of someone close to them.

The Purse Party features both a live and silent auction of high-end and designer purses and bags donated by lakeshore supporters, plus a selection of purses available at fixed prices starting at \$5. In the past three years, more than \$4,200 has been raised by the Purse Party for *Camp Courage*.

"*Camp Courage* hosted its first campers in 1994, and year after year we see how comforting and life-changing the camp experience is for grieving children," says Lisa McMichael, President and CEO of Harbor Hospice. "We want to be sure that any child struggling with grief can attend this wonderful camp, so we only charge a \$10 registration fee, and we waive it for families who can't afford it. This festive Purse Party helps make *Camp Courage* possible for so many children!"

Donations of gently used purses or handbags for the Purse Party are welcome. They may be dropped off at Harbor Hospice in Muskegon, the Leila & Cyrus Poppen Hospice Residence in Muskegon, and Fetch Brewing Company in Whitehall before April 27.

*Camp Courage* is a program of the Scolnik Healing Center of Harbor Hospice. For more information, contact Melanie Dekkers or Laura Ecker at 231.728.3442 or 1.800.497.9559 or email [info@HarborHospiceMI.org](mailto:info@HarborHospiceMI.org). The Harbor Hospice website is [www.harborhospicemi.org](http://www.harborhospicemi.org). Deadline for camp applications is May 31, 2018.

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