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4th Annual Pooches & People Picnic April 13 to benefit The Bob & Merle Scolnik Healing Center

[2/26/2019 - Muskegon, MI] Do you love dogs? You don't want to miss this furry-festive event!

The much-anticipated fourth annual Pooches & People Picnic will be held Saturday, April 13, 2019 beginning at 10:00 AM on the grounds of Fricanos Place on Muskegon Lake. Proceeds will help fund the community programs of *The Bob & Merle Scolnik Healing Center*, the only grief and loss center in Muskegon county. The center provides group or individual grief support to family and care givers, so they can celebrate the life of their loved one while they learn how to cope with heartache and loss. Grief support services are free of charge and available to anyone in the communities of Muskegon, Oceana, Mason, Ottawa, and Newaygo counties.

The picnic fundraiser features an auction, raffle, yummy themed food, and four-legged fun! Past years have included a dog walk on the ruff ruff route, on-site nail clipping and micro-chipping, doggie cake walk, and paw-print painting booth. In addition, this year you can also enjoy a canine costume parade, smooches with pooches kissing booth, and so much more!

“The *Scolnik Healing Center of Harbor Hospice* serves on average over 1,000 children, teens and adults who have experienced many types of losses including deaths due to health issues, violence, suicide, drug or alcohol dependency, accidental and pet-related losses,” says Beth Bolthouse, Grief Counselor at Harbor Hospice. “Most families suffer some type of financial hardship because of one or more of these losses, making it difficult to obtain the professional help needed to begin healing and finding their way in life again. The Pooches & People Picnic is a fun event for people and their dogs (or just people who love dogs!) that raises funds to help defray some of the costs of continuing to offer grief support to our West Michigan community at no charge.”

Pawsome level sponsorships/vendors and auction donations are welcome now through April 5.

For more information on grief support services, contact Beth Bolthouse or Laura Ecker at 231.728.3442 or 1.800.497.9559 or email info@HarborHospiceMI.org. The Harbor Hospice website is www.harborhospicemi.org.

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