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Annual Purse Party May 5 supports camp to help kids who are grieving the death of a loved one

Searching for the perfect new purse? Maybe two?

Round up your friends and head to the White Lake Eagles on Sunday, May 5 for the 5th Annual Purse Party! Get great purses while you support *Camp Courage*, a local three-day sleep-away summer camp that helps children who are grieving the death of someone close.

Doors open at 1:00 p.m. for the much-anticipated Purse Party, which features both live and silent auctions with hundreds of fabulous selections from casual clutches to high-end designer bags. Prices start at just \$5! Eagle membership is not needed to attend this fun event.

In the past three years, the Purse Party has raised more than \$5,500 for *Camp Courage*. The event is organized by Ladies of the White Lake Community.

“*Camp Courage* hosted its first campers in 1994, and each year kids who attend tell us how comforting and life-changing the experience has been for them,” says Lisa Cummins, president and CEO of Harbor Hospice, which sponsors *Camp Courage*. “We want to be sure that any child struggling with grief can attend this important camp, so we ask only for a \$10 registration fee, and we waive it for families who can’t afford it. This festive Purse Party helps make *Camp Courage*, and all its meaningful activities, possible!

Donations of new and gently used purses and handbags for the Purse Party are welcome. They may be dropped off before April 26 at Harbor Hospice in Muskegon, at the Leila and Cyrus Poppen Hospice Residence in Fruitport, and at Fetch Brewing Company in Whitehall.

Camp Courage is a program of the Scolnik Healing Center of Harbor Hospice, which provides hospice and palliative care and grief counseling to children and adults in Muskegon, Oceana, Mason, Ottawa and Newago Counties. For more information or to register, contact Laura Ecker or Kari Allen 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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