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### **Spring Purse Party sale and auction will help children who are grieving the death of someone they love**

[3/1/2022 - Whitehall, MI] Have you been searching for the perfect new handbag?

You'll find plenty to choose from during the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Purse Party April 24 at the Eagles in Whitehall, and every purchase you make will help fund *Camp Courage* for children in West Michigan who are grieving the death of someone close.

The Purse Party will feature both a live and silent auction with hundreds of new and gently used items, from casual clutches to high-end designer bags. And with prices starting at just \$5, you can buy several! New this year, local artists and designers are embellishing some of the purses that will be featured in the live auction.

Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. An Eagle membership is not needed to attend this fun event.

The Purse Party has raised more than \$7,000 for *Camp Courage*, helping make it possible for each child who attends the three-day sleep-away camp to receive a full scholarship.

"*Camp Courage* provides such a valuable opportunity for children to learn to cope with the difficulties of grieving," says Ashley Spencer, who co-created the Purse Party and organizes it with Ladies of the White Lake Community.

Donations of purses and handbags for the event are welcome. They can be dropped off before April 15 at many locations in Whitehall and Montague, and at Harbor Hospice and the Leila and Cyrus Poppen Hospice Residence in Muskegon.

*Camp Courage* is a program of the Bob & Merle 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 Newaygo Counties.

The event is free. An auction bidding paddle is \$2, which enrolls the bidder in a door prize drawing.

For more information, or if you would like to embellish one of the handbags for the auction call 231-728-3442 or send an e-mail to [info@HarborHospiceMI.org](mailto:info@HarborHospiceMI.org). Information is also posted on the Harbor Hospice website [HarborHospiceMI.org](http://HarborHospiceMI.org).

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