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## PRESS RELEASE

TO: Marquette County Media

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SUBJECT: Value of Prevention: It Takes a Village

Marquette County Cares (MC<sup>2</sup>) is a coalition of community members working together to promote a safe, healthy, and supportive community. With funding from the NorthCare Network, MC<sup>2</sup> utilizes the Communities That Care model as a structure for evaluating the risk and protective factors in our community and helping OUR community put programs in place to address these factors.

Marquette County Cares is presenting a series of events called the Value of Prevention. The focus of this series is promoting protective factors for youth. We want to introduce the community to the skills they need to build resilience, to model these skills with the youth in their lives. All events are free to the public and open to all ages.

**Value of Prevention: It Takes a Village:** March 26, 2018, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum. Community members will learn about the protective factor: Prosocial Involvement in the Community. When youth make connections with their community it buffers them against risk factors for developing health and social problems like early substance use, delinquency, and school dropout. Community members of all ages will participate in hands on pro-social experiences throughout the U.P. Children's Museum Micro-Society. Shake hands with Mr. Mayor and join Marquette County's very own characters for an evening of work and play.

**Value of Prevention: It Takes You:** April 23, 2018, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Peterson Auditorium in Ishpeming. Community members will learn about the protective factor: Exposure to Evidence-Based Strategies. Community members will view the HEAL documentary and celebrate our Marquette County Cares' youth public service announcement winners for 2018.

Please, contact Mary Harris at (906) 315-2613 with any questions.