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MICHIGAN'S FIRST LADY, SUE SNYDER PRESENTS ELE'S PLACE AWARD TO MICHAEL A. WELLS, JACKSON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Michigan's First Lady Sue Snyder, who serves as the statewide spokesperson for Ele's Place, presented a special award to **Michael A. Wells, Jackson National Life Insurance Company President and CEO**, for the profound impact their Lansing associates have made on the lives of grieving children at Ele's Place. The award was presented on June 6 at an Ele's Place donor appreciation event at the Michigan Governor's Residence.

"I am thrilled to help Ele's Place honor Michael Wells and Jackson National Life Insurance Company with this award," said First Lady Sue Snyder. "Jackson's continued financial contribution is especially important to Ele's Place as they support more grieving children than ever before."

Jackson National Life Insurance Company has 2,100 associates in Lansing, and hundreds of their employees volunteer countless hours of time, and donate thousands of dollars to Ele's Place each year. In turn, Jackson matches these donations 2 to 1 for Ele's Place.

"Jackson is the single largest financial donor to Ele's Place, having contributed over \$700,000 for our programs over the past 10 years," said Laurie Strauss Baumer, Ele's Place president & CEO. "Jackson's support includes the title sponsorship and host of Ele's Race 5K and the presenting sponsorship of the Ultimate Spartan Challenge. Their tremendous generosity continues to make a difference for hundreds of grieving children and their families at Ele's Place every week."

Since 1991, Ele's Place has provided grief support services at no cost to families whose children are grieving the death of a parent, sibling or other loved one. Ele's Place supports an average of 350 children plus their family members each week through its Lansing and Ann Arbor branches. A third Ele's Place branch will open in Grand Rapids on June 27. Ele's Place also provides support groups in schools and serves as a resource and referral agency for anyone who wants to help a grieving child. For more information, visit www.elesplace.org.

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