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**Avow Receives a \$30,000 Grant from Arthrex to Support Avow Kids Program**

**Naples, Fla., March 28, 2022** – Avow announced it received a \$30,000 grant from Arthrex to help fund salary and benefit costs for the professional staff delivering high-quality work in the Avow Kids program. The Avow Kids program, designed for children ages 5-17, provides support and companionship for children experiencing loss, including the death of a family member or friend, divorce, deportation, incarceration, deployment, and pet loss.

“From art therapy to music therapy, all of our board-certified professionals help children and teens express their feelings after a significant loss,” says Rebecca Gatian, RN, MBA, and chief clinical officer over all support services. “Engaging in creative activities connects the head, heart, and hands in ways that give a young person control over what they have experienced. These services are offered free to the community and are funded by donations and grants.”

The Avow Kids staff currently consists of credentialed counselors, board-certified music therapists, and a masters-certified art therapist counselor. In 2021, Avow Kids served 373 grieving children with 279 group support sessions and 51 camps or events.

**About Avow**

Avow was founded in 1983 as Collier County's original, nonprofit hospice. Today, Avow's nonprofit companies provide palliative care consultations for adults facing chronic or serious illness and hospice care and bereavement support services for children and adults.

To learn more about the scope of services provided by Avow, call 239-261-4404 or visit [www.avowcares.org](http://www.avowcares.org).

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