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Avow Program Keeps Pets and Patients Together During Hospice Care

Naples, Fla., July 1, 2021 – Avow announced today a new program focused on helping hospice patients care for their pets, who provide much-needed companionship and love. The Pet Peace of Mind program will be staffed by trained Avow volunteers and supported by local veterinarian Dr. Lesli Reiff.

Pet Peace of Mind helps hospice patients complete their lives without worrying about their pet's current or future needs. Avow volunteers will provide scheduled routine cat and dog care, such as walking and playing; transportation of pets to grooming and vet appointments; temporary boarding of pets when patients are on respite care in a facility or hospice house; and rehoming help for pets prior to and after their owners' deaths.

Pet Peace of Mind, a national nonprofit headquartered in Salem, OR, offers the national program to hospices, hospitals, and home care agencies throughout the country.

"Avow's mission is to create peace of mind, and for hospice patients who are pet parents, that means knowing their beloved cat or dog will be cared for and loved," said Jaysen Roa, President and CEO of Avow companies. "Our volunteers are dedicated to keeping patients and their pets together as long as possible, to preserve that unique human-animal bond that can be so healing."

Avow's Pet Peace of Mind program is funded by donations. To contribute or learn how to become a trained Avow volunteer, contact Annalise Smith,

Sr. Vice President of Philanthropy, at asmith@avowcares.org or (239) 315-2740.

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.

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