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Avow Honors Exceptional Volunteers at Annual Appreciation Event

Avow celebrates volunteers with Heart of Avow Awards at 50s themed event

NAPLES, Fla. (May 10, 2024) – Avow is proud to announce Bessie Jarjoura and Reed Halvorsen as this year's recipients of the prestigious Volunteer Heart of Avow Award. The awards were presented during the Avow Volunteer Appreciation 50s themed party held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at Vi at Bentley Village.

Bessie Jarjoura, a volunteer at the Frances Georgeson Hospice House, has been recognized for her unwavering dedication and joyful spirit. Her commitment extends beyond her regular volunteer days, as she actively participates in promoting Avow's services and has become an invaluable ambassador for the organization. Bessie's roles include warmly greeting visitors, providing respite for families, and assisting in the kitchen, all while championing Avow's mission through community outreach and media appearances in Avow's TV commercials.

Reed Halvorsen has been honored for his indispensable role at Avow Treasures Resale Store and beyond. His meticulous handling of donations and customer service has significantly boosted store operations. Reed's versatility shines as he readily supports various Avow events, including recent Cornhole tournaments and activities for Avow Kids. His heartfelt commitment was especially noted when he underwent clinical volunteer training simply to support a fellow Green Bay Packers fan in hospice care, embodying the

spirit of community and dedication. Reed has also appeared in Avow's commercials to promote its palliative care services.

The Avow Volunteer Appreciation 50s Party provided a festive backdrop to celebrate these extraordinary volunteers, with the community gathering to honor their contributions. Both awardees exemplify the compassion and commitment that are central to Avow's mission, making them deserving recipients of this year's awards.

Also recognized for their efforts and nominated for National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization awards are volunteers Judy Scribner (Specialized Volunteer Service), Gabby Soto (Youth Leader), and Al Colligan ("We Honor Veterans" Volunteer Service).

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Avow, please visit avowcares.org/volunteer or contact (239) 261-4404.

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.

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