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Avow Kids Receives Transformational Gift From Naples Children & Education Foundation

Naples Children & Education Foundation provides $115,000 grant to support Avow's program for kids

NAPLES, Fla. (July 23, 2024) — Avow Foundation has received a generous grant of $115,000 from the Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival. The grant is specifically intended for Avow Kids, a program for children ages 5 - 17 that provides support and companionship to youth experiencing any type of grief. The grant will support Avow Kids' various services, such as individual counseling, support groups, workshops, camps, music therapy, movie nights, and more. As a program funded by donations and grants, NCEF's support enables Avow to continue its mission of aiding the community through life's most challenging transitions.

NCEF is a nonprofit organization in Collier County that is improving the educational, emotional, and health outcomes of underprivileged and at-risk children.

"As stewards of the funds garnered at the Naples Winter Wine Festival, we are committed to fostering significant changes through our selected beneficiaries," says Sarah Zaiser-Kelly, Senior Vice President of Grants and Community Impact for NCEF. "We firmly believe that Avow's mission significantly enhances the welfare of children and bolsters our county's ability to uplift the most vulnerable."

Avow and NCEF remain committed to supporting children in the community, especially those who face significant barriers to accessing essential opportunities and

resources. This funding allows Avow to offer its programs to the community at no cost, ensuring that no child will miss out on services due to ability to pay.

"We extend our sincere appreciation for Avow's collaboration to guarantee that every child in Collier County is afforded the chance for a brighter tomorrow," says Zaiser-Kelly. "Together, we are champions of hope and opportunity!"

"We are thankful to NCEF for their generous gift to one of our most essential programs, Avow Kids," says Avow President and CEO Jaysen Roa. "Avow understands how difficult it can be for children to deal with grief, and through our no-cost programs, we hope the participants gain valuable coping skills and emotional intelligence that they can keep with them as they continue into adult life."

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, 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.

About Naples Children & Education Foundation:

The Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, is improving the educational, emotional and health outcomes of underprivileged and at-risk children. Through its annual grants and strategic initiatives, NCEF has impacted close to 90 of the most effective nonprofits in the local community, providing 350,000 children with the services and resources they need to excel. NCEF's unique approach, which emphasizes collaboration between organizations and bridges public and private resources, has become a blueprint for how to transform a community, one issue at a time.

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