



Call for artists & supporters of art: Open your heARTs in support of the grieving hearts of our community

The Youth and Family Program of Treasure Coast Hospice provides services for any child in Martin or St. Lucie County, ages 3-18, and their family members who are anticipating or experiencing the death of a loved one. Currently our non-profit counseling program actively services approximately 400 individuals through individual and family counseling, support groups and bereavement camps. Community services also include educational forums, holiday programs, special bereavement programs and crisis support. All services are provided on a donation only basis and are primarily supported by grants and community donations.

This year as we approach Children's Grief Awareness Day on November 19th, an annually recognized day aimed to increase awareness and support of children's grief needs, we are launching a community engaged project called "Art from the Heart". This three phased, 9 month project will include the usage of a variety of art mediums to help support the grieving hearts of our community.

We are seeking artists and those who are willing to open their hearts to support those in grief. We are seeking collaboration in a variety of ways including:

- ♥ Leading an art activity for children and/or adults
- ♥ Donating art materials or gift cards, gift certificates, monetary donations for materials
- ♥ Providing space for display of children's healing art creations
- ♥ Sharing information and materials regarding the Art from the Heart project with others
- ♥ Materials for participant's gift bags
- ♥ Silent auction donations

Some possible ideas of the art activities will include clay, painting, tissue paper, oil pastels, doodling (zentangle type) and more for the purposes of commemorating loved ones, expression of emotions, instilling hope, encouraging healing, increasing relaxation, incorporating coping tools, increasing coping with the holidays and providing support for the overall movement through grief.

We are appreciative of you taking the time to support this important cause. All individuals face the death of a loved one at some point in their lives. It is our goal that the community will increase their awareness of the benefits of art as a coping tool and a support system for all ages. Since death and grief will impact every person in our community, the collaboration of local individuals and businesses is an important part of this project.

Thank you for considering being a part of this healing process and participating in Art from the Heart.

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