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LifePath Hospice to Host 27th Annual Camp Circle of Love

Superhero-themed Send-off Celebrates Strength of Children who Work Through Grief

TAMPA, FL (March 18, 2019): The weekend of March 22 through 24, 2019 marks the 27th annual [Camp Circle of Love](#), hosted by [LifePath Hospice](#). Children ages 6 to 18, who live in Hillsborough County and experienced the death of a loved one, attend the camp that emphasizes the development and building of trust, coping with and managing grief. Each year the camp takes place at the Lakewood Retreat in Brooksville. To date, nearly 2,500 campers have been helped through Camp Circle of Love.

Media interested in covering Camp Circle of Love are invited to attend the send-off event at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 22, at Bayshore Baptist Church located at 3111 W. Morrison Ave. in Tampa. Gasparilla pirates and members of the Tampa Tarpons (N.Y. Yankees minor league affiliate) will be on hand to cheer our campers on. There will also be face-painting and cape-building activities to help kids look and feel like heroes as they get ready to embark on their journey.

The weekend dedicated to healing isn't only geared toward children. LifePath Hospice also offers parents and guardians a Caregiver Campfire Chat. It's a way for caregivers to prepare themselves for what they can expect when campers come home, and how to take care of themselves over the weekend.

Parking is available for media in the church parking lot, and interviews can be coordinated on-site.

At the camp, trained LifePath Hospice bereavement counselors along with a full-time registered nurse, other staff and dedicated community volunteers, teach children to reconnect and enjoy life again. Attendees participate in traditional camp activities like swimming, arts and crafts and team sports. There are specific exercises built into the weekend that help the campers cope with grief and re-build trust and self-awareness. On Saturday night, campers and staff will gather around a camp fire to reflect on memories and share messages written to their lost loved ones.

Please RSVP by Thursday, March 21 if you plan to attend.

About LifePath Hospice

LifePath Hospice, an affiliate of Chapters Health System, is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that supports approximately 7,600 patients each year in Hillsborough County as they face the challenges of advancing age and illness. Healthcare professionals and trained volunteers embrace the LifePath Hospice mission to make the most of life by relieving the suffering of patients and their families affected by serious health issues. Since 2008, the organization has been accredited by The Joint Commission, the nation's premier healthcare accrediting body and in 2017 was awarded deemed status. Learn more at www.chaptershealth.org, like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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