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Good Shepherd Hospice Offers 16th Annual Weekend Camp with a Purpose

Accepting Applications for Polk, Hardee and Highlands Counties Children

LAKELAND, FL (March 3, 2017): Children and teens who experienced the death of a loved-one may feel as if they are alone in their grief. As a community service, Good Shepherd Hospice offers Camp Brave Heart, a weekend camp that helps children and teens learn to cope with the emotions and sorrow that accompany a death. This year's camp is scheduled for Friday, March 31 – Sunday, April 2, 2017 at the Circle F Dude Ranch in Lake Wales.

“Camp is open to all children in Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties, ages six to 16, who experienced the death of a loved one,” said Allyson Moskowitz, Director of Social Services, Bereavement and Volunteers for Chapters Health System. “Their families need not have used Good Shepherd Hospice services in the past. A nominal fee is charged; however, no child is turned away due to the lack of funds.”

Camp Brave Heart is a safe environment where campers can take part in fun activities such as arts and crafts, swimming, canoeing and team sports. They also have the opportunity for brief discussions with professionally trained cabin leaders. A highlight for many campers and volunteers is the Saturday memorial service.

Registration is required for attendance. Children are accepted to participate in camp based on appropriateness and space availability. The registration deadline is Friday, March 10. For more information about Camp Brave Heart, call Good Shepherd Hospice at 863-968-1707 or 800-753-1880 or e-mail sandersa@chaptershealth.org.

About Good Shepherd Hospice

Good Shepherd Hospice, an affiliate of Chapters Health System, is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that supports more than 600 patients each day in Polk, Highlands and Hardee counties as they face the challenges of advancing age and illness. Since 2008, the organization has been accredited by The Joint Commission, the nation's premier healthcare accrediting body. In 2015, Good Shepherd Hospice was named a Hospice Honors recipient by Deyta, an industry leader in data-driven management. In addition, Good Shepherd Hospice first received accreditation from the National Institute for Jewish Hospice in 2007, which means that the staff has undergone specialized training to better serve the needs of patients and their families across the entire range of faith traditions and observance within the Jewish religion. To learn more, visit www.chaptershealth.org, like us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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