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## **AMANDA HOPE ON THE GO! DELIVERS MUCH NEEDED MOBILE COUNSELING SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF ARIZONA**

*Mental Health Support and Other Resources Offered to Child Cancer Warriors and Their Families*

Phoenix, AZ – September 14, 2022 – Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels ([www.amandahope.org](http://www.amandahope.org)) today announced *Amanda Hope on the Go!* mobile counseling units. These two mobile units, one for teens and adults, one for children, offers mental health counseling and other resources to children battling cancer and other medical issues, as well as to their families. Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels recognizes mental health services need to be more accessible and the mobile units expand their outreach to areas throughout the state to provide services wherever the children and families are, in their communities and the surrounding areas.

“The stress of making one more appointment can be too much for a warrior family. Especially after Covid, more and more families are coming to us, and our waitlist is increasing,” said Melissa Savage, counselor at Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels. “Social and emotional learning is more important than ever and that’s why *Amanda Hope on the Go!* is needed.”

The mobile unit for teens and adults is a Mercedes Sprinter Van, generously donated by Brent and Christina Yates through “Be the Lead”, and is used for support groups, individual / group counseling sessions, and Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels “Mother Mentoring” events. The mobile unit for children was donated by BHHS Legacy and through individual supporters at the Night of Hope Gala the past two years. The inside of the children’s bus has led lights, a puppet theater, art wall, sensory station, and a sand tray. The children’s mobile unit is designed for Experiential Play Therapies, Medical Play Therapy, Sand Tray Therapy, Bibliotherapy, and Creative Arts Therapies. Both *Amanda Hope on the Go!* mobile counseling units are used for events including



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Mindfulness events.

For more information on this program contact counselor Melissa Savage: [melissa@amandahope.org](mailto:melissa@amandahope.org). Those who are interested in supporting the Amanda Hope on the Go! program can visit [www.amandahope.org/donate](http://www.amandahope.org/donate) to donate.

## **ABOUT AMANDA HOPE RAINBOW ANGELS**

**Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels (AHRA)**, (<https://www.amandahope.org/>), is a Phoenix, AZ-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit, support and educational organization. Founded in 2012, Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels is a celebration of Amanda Hope's life. During Amanda's three-year fight with leukemia and nine-month battle with a brain tumor, Amanda dreamed she would one day design a fun clothing line for children like her that would provide comfort and dignity during chemo treatments. Amanda's life ended all too soon, but her dream lives on through AHRA's Comfycozy's for Chemo apparel and Amanda's legacy continues with AHRA expansion of programs and services.

AHRA's Comfort and Care team of licensed counselors, coaches, and mentors provide FREE counseling, play therapy, and supportive services to families impacted by childhood cancer or another life-threatening illness. Patients, siblings, parents, and caregivers can take advantage of bilingual individual, couples, and family therapy sessions. Grief counseling, mindfulness practices, mother mentoring, and facilitated support groups for families to connect with others on the same journey as also available.

In person services are available for Arizona families with a child battling cancer or a life-threatening illness, but AHRA also offers virtual support groups to families anywhere in the world with a child battling cancer or a life-threatening illness.

For further information visit <https://www.amandahope.org/>.

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