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AMANDA HOPE RAINBOW ANGELS OPEN HOUSE TO SHOWCASE COMFORT AND CARE CENTER

Celebration Recognizes Partners, Community Supporters and Introduces New Staff Additions

Phoenix, AZ – March 23, 2023 – Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels (AHRA), (<https://www.amandahope.org/>), today announced its **Comfort and Care Center Open House**. This event is open to all partners, community supporters and interested individuals to tour the Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels Comfort and Care Center and meet staff who has recently joined this charitable non-profit organization, Ms. Andrea Dinardo, LMSW and Ms. Juliana Metcalf.

The Open House on **Friday, April 14, 2023, from 7:30 AM 9:30 AM**, will be held in the Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels **Comfort and Care Center, 340 E. Coronado Rd, Ste. 100 Phoenix, AZ 85004**. Space is limited so registration is required. This no cost event will have lite breakfast items served. To register go online to <https://www.amandahope.org/events/openhouse>. For more information contact: Tiffanie McNamee, at tiffanie@amandahope.org or by calling **602-492-5083**.

“Come join us to help celebrate the over ten years Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels has been able to bring dignity and comfort to children and families affected by childhood cancer and other life-threatening illnesses,” said Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels founder and CEO, Lorraine Tallman. “Let us introduce to you and acknowledge the hardworking and dedicated staff here at Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels.”



Ms. Andrea Dinardo, LMSW, joined AHRA as the newest Comfort and Care Counselor. Andrea ensures patients and families receive timely, complete and accurate information so they can take part in care and decision making. She is

responsible for psychosocial assessment and treatment of patients and their families; referrals to outside counseling agencies as appropriate and makes recommendations to the healthcare professional care team on the plan of care. Andrea earned a master's degree in social work with a specialization in trauma, children and youth in 2015. She became a licensed Social Worker in 2016 and is a grief professional with extensive training in trauma, suicidal ideation and crisis counseling. Andrea has worked with children, adolescents, families and adults in private practice schools and hospital settings.

Ms. Juliana Metcalf has become part of the AHRA team in her position as Volunteer Coordinator. Juliana works with all team members to create volunteer tasks and shifts based on the needs of the office and the availability to supervise the in-office volunteers as well as coordinate large volunteer group events. Juliana previously held positions social services and behavioral health and was employed by Mesa Fire & Medical Department and Valleywise Health. She received her Bachelor of Science in Health Science from Arizona State University in 2020 and has her certification in Crisis Prevention from the Crisis Prevention Institute, received in 2021.

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. While insurance may cover a portion of the medical expenses, it does not cover additional 'Here and Now' needs incurred because of treatment. AHRA relieves the financial burden of those 'Here and Now' needs by paying for gas, groceries, and utility bills for families. The AHRA Financial Assistance program is available to qualifying Arizona families with a child battling cancer or a life-threatening illness. Arizona warrior families in need, should ask their social worker for requirements and the AHRA application.

In addition to the Comfycozy's for Chemo apparel, counseling and other supportive services offered by Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels, wellness and mindfulness components are also available. The wellness and mindfulness components include a variety of modalities to deal with the stressors, such as anxiety, anger, depression and grief experienced at the diagnosis of cancer or another life-threatening illness. An array of services, such as aromatherapy, cranial unwinding, energy work, health & wellness coaching, hypnotherapy, guided imagery, massage, meditation, polarity, reiki, sound healing and yoga and yoga nidra are available for parents and children. 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 addition, Major Distractions events and Meals of Hope lunches bring Amanda's sunshine to some of the most difficult days. The organization hosts Spa Days, Craft Days, Family Events, Teen Nights, and more.

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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