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Camp Safe Haven held in High Springs

Camp helped teens cope with loss

(HIGH SPRINGS, Fla.)—Seven teens who experienced the recent loss of a loved one worked through their grief at Camp Safe Haven, a day camp held recently at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs. Offered through Haven Hospice’s Healing Hearts program, the session was tailored to teens ages 13 to 17.

“Camp Safe Haven is designed to give grieving teens the peer support they need in a safe environment,” said Vonceil Levine, bereavement specialist for Haven Hospice. “Bringing them together with their peers who have also lost someone helps them to know that it’s okay to grieve. The goal is to have fun while learning some tools to help them through the pain.”

The teens participated in a variety of activities, including painting, team-building activities and swimming.

In 2010, Camp Safe Haven served more than 125 children in Haven’s 18-county service area.

Haven Hospice’s Healing Hearts program provides individual, family and group counseling to help anyone in the community who is coping with grief, regardless of how the loss occurred.

For information about Healing Hearts programs and Camp Safe Haven, please contact Vonceil Levine, MSW, at 352.392.5105.



Campers release balloons in memory of their loved one.



Campers pose with hand-painted face masks at Camp Safe Haven.

About Haven Hospice

Haven Hospice is North Florida's expert in end-of-life and palliative care and is one of three 2008 Circle of Life Award[®] winners nationwide to be recognized as leaders in improving the care of patients near the end-of-life or with life-threatening conditions. Haven Hospice has also been recognized as a Florida Pacesetter for its leadership in promoting advance directives. Haven Hospice has served more than 50,000 patients and families since 1979 and has been licensed in Florida as a not-for-profit hospice since 1980. For more information, visit www.havenhospice.org, or call 800.727.1889.

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