

March 2022— Q1 Newsletter



In February of 2021, 4 year old Averie found her mommy unresponsive on the floor. She was able to help her daddy by talking to the 911 operator, and within minutes paramedics arrived at the scene. Unfortunately, it was too late.

To young Averie, the entire experience was both scary and traumatizing. In addition to grieving the sudden loss of her mother, Averie had to process her story of witnessing the end of her mother's life. Unfortunately, stories like these are all too common – two out of every five children who arrive at Tomorrow's Rainbow are suffering from trauma (including experiences like neglect, substance abuse in the home, suicide, homicide, and more) in addition to their grief.

Today, Averie is thriving! In the nine months she has been with us, she has met her goals in our Family Trauma Program and opened up to share her story in our Children's Bereavement Support Program. Her spark and sass have returned, and she loves her time with our baby goats – our kids are spunky, just like Averie!

Tomorrow's Rainbow serves 500+ children like Averie each year – South Florida children who have experienced grief, loss, or trauma, and arrive at our farm in need of hope and healing.

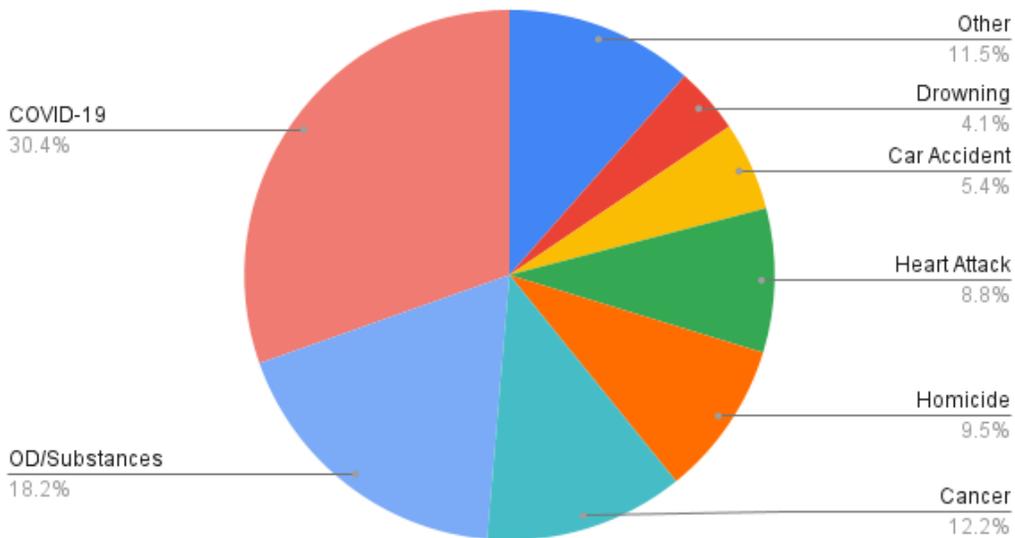
Our mission is to nurture emotional wellness and resiliency for those we serve. I hope you enjoy our new quarterly newsletter as we share the transformational difference we are making in the lives of children, teens, and families!



– Abby Mosher
Founder & Executive Director

COVID-19's Continuing Impact

Q1 2022 Clients — Cause of Loved One's Death

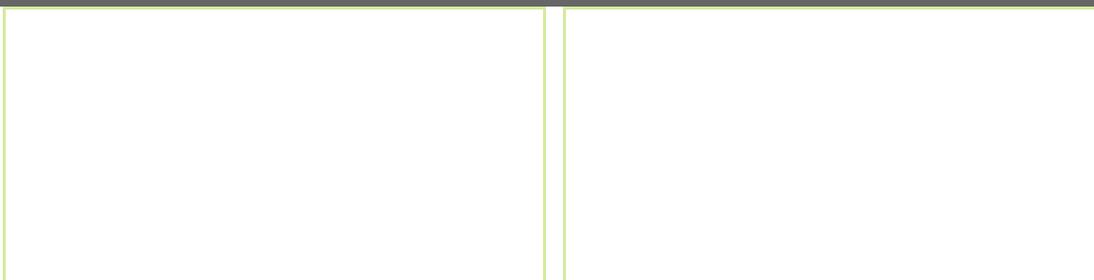


As our community works to "return to normal," grief and loss due to COVID-19 continue to deeply affect our children. Of our 156 clients this quarter, 45 are mourning a death caused by the coronavirus – vastly more than any other cause of death.

The outdoor nature of our facility, where COVID risk is much lower, and our significant safety precautions have allowed us to provide in-person services almost uninterrupted during the pandemic. This has been especially important for our clients from Palm Beach County, where there is currently no in-person provider for free children's grief services.

Recommended Reading: [Children, Coping With Loss, Are Pandemic's 'Forgotten Grievers'](#) [LINK], New York Times, December 9, 2021

9th Annual Hope Floats: Healing Together





More than 500 people braved the weather to join us for our 9th Annual Hope Floats event on Saturday, March 12th at Esplanade Park in downtown Ft. Lauderdale – the first time we've held the event since COVID-19 began, and our most successful Hope Floats event ever!

Founded by Gaia Calcaterra and the Hope Floats Legacy Team, this event has raised more than \$300,000 for Tomorrow's Rainbow since its inception. During Hope Floats, which is free and open to the public, attendees craft memorial paper boats to sail down the New River alongside our signature 24-foot paper boat.

"It is healing to be with people who have shared experiences. That's what made this year's theme – 'Together' – so perfect," says Abby Mosher, Founder & Executive Director of Tomorrow's Rainbow. "The paper boats are fun, but Hope Floats is really about bringing our community together to heal."



The Gonzalez Family



David & Evie Ruskin



The Boyarin Family

Many thanks go out to our Triple Crown Sponsor Salah Foundation Children's Hospital and event sponsors Moriarty & Associates, the Gonzalez Family, the Boyarin Family, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, Runyon's Restaurant, GCI Corporation, Motion Elevator, Albanese Builders, Zelman Style Interiors, and Signature ONE Luxury Estates.

We are also grateful to South Florida Paddlers and their team of kayakers who went above and beyond to launch our vessel despite the conditions; our passionate team of 130+ volunteers including Graciela Valdes Fine Art Photography, to whom all photos are courtesy; Blazing Paddles for leading with their dragon boat; and local artist Lori Pratico for painting our boat and giving us this year's inspiring theme.

Without you all, Hope Floats would not be possible. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Celebrating Christy Kian, 2022 Woman of Distinction

We are thrilled to celebrate longtime volunteer Christy Kian for being honored as the 2022 Woman of Distinction by Soroptimist International Boca Raton/Deerfield Beach!

At their annual awards breakfast on March

9th, the Soroptimists recognized Christy's tremendous dedication to Tomorrow's Rainbow. She has volunteered with us as a Program Facilitator since 2010, and her experience as a teacher and early childhood development expert have made a wonderful impact on our children and our curriculum.

Congratulations and thanks for all you do, Christy!



Looking Ahead



Q2 Client Orientation Dates

Each month, new families begin their healing journey at Tomorrow's Rainbow with an orientation session. Space is limited to 20 families, and sessions do reach capacity. To learn more or register, contact Emily Deem, Bereavement Services Coordinator, at 954.727.5111 or emily@tomorrowsrainbow.org.

Saturday, April 16th • 4:00 pm
Saturday, May 21st • 4:00 pm
Saturday, June 18th • 4:00 pm



Q2 Volunteer Orientation Dates

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Tomorrow's Rainbow! Learn more about opportunities to work with children or our herd at our monthly orientation session. Contact Avi Smilovits, Volunteer Coordinator, at 954.978.2390 ext. 404 or avi@tomorrowsrainbow.org.

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