Friends of Hope Annual Luncheon Benefits Hope Hospice

FORT MYERS, FL (April 14, 2022) – More than 150 Hope supporters recently gathered at the annual Friends of Hope Luncheon at Bonita Bay Country Club. The sold-out event featured a fun afternoon of boutique shopping while raising over $50,000 to benefit Hope Hospice and Rainbow Trails Camp.

The luncheon was hosted by Etta Smith and Donna Roberts with honorary chair Signe Wynne. Sponsors of the event included Najla and Louis Lataif, John R. Wood, Sue and Roderick Price, and Mercedes-Benz of Bonita Springs.

The spring luncheon supports Hope Hospice and the Rainbow Trails Camp, an annual bereavement camp for children who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Led by Hope’s counselors, art and music therapists, and community volunteers, the camp offers activities to support the grieving process along with recreation, crafts and singing.

“People of all ages experience loss and express grief in different ways,” said Samira K. Beckwith, Hope Healthcare president and CEO. “We created the Rainbow Trails Camp 30 years ago because we wanted to have a special place for children to interact with others who understand their loss and can help provide comfort, friendship and joy.”

With more than 40 years of experience as a local, not-for-profit healthcare organization, Hope Healthcare is dedicated to providing care and comfort for people in life’s closing chapter. A compassionate team of staff and volunteers offers practical, spiritual and emotional support for the entire family. For more information about Hope Healthcare, including programs such as Hope Hospice and Hope Kids Care, visit HopeHCS.org.