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BROOKE'S PLACE RECEIVES A GRANT FROM INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

INDIANAPOLIS, IN, August 12, 2024 – Brooke's Place for Grieving Young People, INC. is pleased to announce receiving a two-year grant in the amount of \$266,780 from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute . This grant, a result of congress passing the Victims of Crime Act and developing the Crime Victims Fund, will be used to support survivors of violent crimes, allowing them to access grief support groups and therapy services through Brooke's Place.

“Brooke's Place believes no person living with childhood grief should feel alone. We are anchored by a core belief that every young person deserves the opportunity to grieve in a supportive, understanding, and nurturing environment,” shared Theresa Brun, Executive Director. “The rationale is to give young people and their families a safe place to express and explore their grief so that long-term negative effects, including mental health concerns, poor academic performance, and substance abuse, can be avoided. We are grateful to receive funding from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to support our efforts at providing grief support for children, teens, young adults and families impacted by homicide”.

Those who have participated in Brooke's Place programs have reported decreased feelings of anxiety, increased knowledge of healthy coping skills and decreased feelings of isolation. With this grant, Brooke's Place is one step closer to ensuring that every child in Central Indiana living with grief feels safe, supported, and understood.

About Brooke's Place

Established in 1999, Brooke's Place provides ongoing grief support groups, therapy services, and community education to empower children, teens, young adults and their families to thrive in the midst of grief. For the last 25 years, Brooke's Place has served more than 30,000 individuals. With an estimated 154,000 children expected to experience the death of a parent or sibling in Indiana by the age of 18, there will always be an ongoing need in our community for the programs provided at Brooke's Place. To learn more, please visit www.brookesplace.org.

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