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A new day camp takes flight for grieving youth in Prince George's County

(LARGO, MD, April 22, 2019) — Chesapeake Life Center is spreading its wings to introduce a new grief day camp for children in Prince George's County at an exciting new venue – the College Park Airport and Aviation Museum.

The children's grief day camp for ages 6 to 12 will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 17 at the College Park Airport Administrative Building, next to the museum, and will also include an activity in the museum. The interactive workshop experience offers a safe space for children to explore their grief, make friends and have fun. Through art, play, conversations and support, children will learn new ways to cope with the difficult task of grieving while learning they are not alone.

The nonprofit has offered grief camps for nearly 30 years at locations in Anne Arundel County and decided this year to reorganize the program so that they could offer the same kind of impactful experience, but at locations that are more accessible to all the families it serves. This year marks the first time the organization will hold a camp experience in Prince George's County.

Susan Coale, Director of the Chesapeake Life Center, said they are excited about expanding the grief camp program into Prince George's County. "We have the potential to help many more families who ordinarily wouldn't consider an overnight camp for their kids," she said. "The fact that it will take place in such a fun and unique location makes this new camp an opportunity for campers to look at grief differently, and pair the hard work of grieving with play."

The cost is \$40 and includes snacks, lunch and all activities. There are scholarships available for those in need. Space is limited. Registration is required and can be completed by calling 888-501-7077 or emailing griefinfo@cheseapeakelifecenter.org.

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Chesapeake Life Center, a program service of Hospice of the Chesapeake, serves hospice family members and the community with bereavement services and activities aimed at enhancing the quality of life for those grieving the loss of a loved one.