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“Bears Who Care” Charity Receives Grant from State Farm to Benefit Local Children and Families in Need

ORLANDO, Fla., May 19, 2020 – This month, Bears Who Care, a 12 year-old Central Florida charity that provides comfort and promotes literacy to disadvantaged children, will be impacting lives in a “beary” unique way. Through a Good Neighbor Grant recently provided by State Farm, the charity will not only distribute teddy bears and books to children at local hospitals but also support local families impacted by the CO-VID 19 pandemic.

“We have huge hearts for children and wanted to find a way we could still touch the lives of those in need, so we are channeling our support in a different way,” Kari Schmitz, co-founder of Bears Who Care said. “Thanks to the generosity of State Farm, we will be providing gift cards along with teddy bears and books to families with children financially impacted, as our hope is to bring happiness and relief to not only young lives but entire families within in our community.” Donations will be given to Matthew’s Hope (based in Winter Garden) and Orlando Health and Advent Health hospitals in the Orlando area.

Bears Who Care is designed to help children in need who are between the ages of one and 12. Whether the child’s hardship is illness, injury or financial difficulty, the goal is the same – to engage their imaginations, temporarily relieve pain and create happy memories for them. With joy and compassion, this groups delivers brand new, hard-cover books and plush teddy bears to children at area hospitals, churches and schools to offer companionship and stimulate learning.

According to Jose Soto, State Farm Corporate Responsibility Analyst, “Our company and our agents believe strongly in connecting with local charities and giving grants helps them successfully fulfill their missions. It’s important for State Farm to support non-profit groups who work tirelessly to assist families and those in need every day and especially during this COVID-19 crisis.”

Bears Who Care is solely funded through donations, which means they rely on the generous contributions of organizations and individuals. To learn more about Bears Who Care or to get involved, visit www.bearswhocare.org.

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