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The Center for Grieving Children announced today Susan Giambalvo, LCSW, Director of Program and Operations, has been nominated and elected as a Board Member with The National Alliance for Grieving Children. Susan received her Masters of Social Work from Hunter College in New York. She is responsible for the development, implementation and delivery of family services and new initiatives. Susan has over 15 years of experience working with children, youth and families in a variety of clinical and community service settings. She has a special interest in working with groups and children and is trained in Transformative Mediation and Cognitive Behavioral Interventions. Susan has presented locally and nationally on children's grief support and the use of activities in the grief journey.

Anne Heros, Executive Director, of the Center for Grieving Children shares, "Susan continues the Center's role at the forefront of children's grief awareness, keeping the voice of grieving children on the minds of those who care for them. She has been involved for many years already supporting the National Alliance for Grieving Children helping them with fundraising. Susan is recognized as an important voice at National level presenting at their Symposiums for many years. We are delighted that she now is on the board, a recognition of the important role she plays in this field."

About the Center for Grieving Children

The Center for Grieving Children was founded in 1987 by the late Bill Hemmens, Greater Portland resident who realized that grief support from peers was what his niece needed after her mother died. Today, the Center touches the lives of more than 4,000 people annually, through outreach, education, and peer-support for bereaved children and families as well as families living with serious illness.

The Center for Grieving Children, based in Portland, Maine, serves more than 4,000 grieving children, teens, families, and young adults annually through peer support, outreach, and education. Offering our services at no charge, for as long as people need them, the Center's mission is to provide loving support that encourages the safe expression of grief and loss and fosters each individual's resilience and emotional

well-being. The Center reaches individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds, and relies on financial contributions from individuals, businesses, foundations, United Way, and special events. For more information, call (207) 775-5216 or visit www.cgcmaine.org.

About The National Alliance for Grieving Children

The National Alliance for Grieving Children promotes awareness of the needs of children and teens grieving a death and provides education and resources for anyone who wants to support them.

The National Alliance for Grieving Children (NAGC) provides a network for nationwide communication between hundreds of children's bereavement support professionals and volunteers who want to share ideas, information and resources with each other to better support the families they serve in their own communities. Through this network, the NAGC offers online education, hosts an annual symposium on children's grief, maintains a national data base of children's bereavement support programs and promotes national awareness to enhance public sensitivity to the issues impacting grieving children and teens.

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