THE HEALING POWER OF ART AND MUSIC

omeSafe is celebrating the healing power of art and music through the generosity of Cleveland Clinic. The multispecialty academic medical center has funded more than \$25,000 for art and music therapy sessions, as well as storage and supplies, to support children who have experienced significant abuse, neglect or family violence. Young participants in HomeSafe's Residential and SafetyNet Programs are being exposed to the arts, helping to shift their perspectives on how they fit into society and what possibilities are available for them.

"We recognize the positive transformation that can come from unleashing creativity," said **Matt Ladika**, HomeSafe's CEO. "Thanks



HomeSafe's Art Therapy

to Cleveland Clinic, our children can explore their thoughts and feelings through different mediums while having the space to process their emotions. Our team is excited to see the results that come from providing these enriching experiences."

Youth participants across all HomeSafe campuses are experiencing one or two art/music therapy sessions every month throughout the 15-month duration, which



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began in October 2024. At the grant's completion, HomeSafe is expected to have supported more than 100 children through this therapy.

HomeSafe is a nationally accredited nonprofit protecting Palm Beach County's and South Florida's most vulnerable residents — victims of child abuse and domestic violence. Through its results-driven approach, the organization is a leading provider of prevention and intervention services, serving more than 15,000 infants, children, young adults and families each year. HomeSafe is one of just five specialized therapeutic group care agencies in the state of Florida — the only one in Southeast Florida.

"Our collaboration with HomeSafe is a powerful example of how Cleveland Clinic gives back to the local community," said Vickie Johnson, MPA, Executive Vice President and Chief Community Officer for Cleveland Clinic. "It's a reminder that those we serve also extend beyond our hospital walls, including at-risk youth and families, reflecting our

ongoing commitment to support the broader community with compassion and purpose."

The agency's Residential Program provides healing to those severely abused and traumatized to the extent that they cannot be cared for in a traditional foster care setting. HomeSafe's caring, competent professionals wrap resources around each child, breaking down their walls of anger and despair, reigniting the spark of hope in them. SafetyNet provides a full spectrum of services for domestic violence survivors and their children, offering therapeutic support groups and individual therapy sessions, crisis intervention, preventative education, court advocacy, safety planning and access to community resources. The nonprofit's goal is to provide traumatized children and families with the knowledge and tools they need to break the cycle of violence.

For more information about HomeSafe visit www.helphomesafe.org.