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Survivor Selects Calm Waters Center for Children and Families As Charity Beneficiary Of New Meljourne Women Line That Promotes Perseverance & Empowers Women

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – Survivor, Melissa Matthews, has selected **Calm Waters Center for Children and Families**, a grief support center in Oklahoma City, OK, as a charity beneficiary of her new **Meljourne Women** line. **Meljourne Women** is a meaningful line of story-inspired jewelry collections celebrating women who have transformed personal tragedies into positive, purpose-driven missions. Each **Meljourne Woman's** journey is symbolically conveyed through the unique, fluid design and dual finishes of her individual pendant.

"This **Meljourne Women** line has been many years in the making," explains Matthews. On December 18, 2003, Matthews sustained permanent, life-altering injuries to her legs, left arm, and head in a car accident. "My journey has definitely been marked by pain, disabilities, discrimination, poverty, and isolation," says Matthews. "It has also been a journey full of hope, determination, resilience, and faith." Matthews conviction to turn her pain into purpose has resulted in **Meljourne Women**.

In addition to empowering women and promoting perseverance, the **Meljourne Women** line also supports charities. "A lot of thought and vetting goes into selecting our charity beneficiaries," explains Matthews. "I selected Calm Waters as one of my charity beneficiaries because they have provided 25 years of outstanding dedication to helping children and families in the Oklahoma City metro area overcome grief and tragedy. Since 1992, over 34,000 individuals have benefited from Calm Waters' free grief support services, and their school-based groups are currently in 20 public school systems. Calm Waters is an amazing organization that deserves our collective support," says Matthews.

Calm Waters Center for Children and Families will be gifted 5% of all proceeds from "*The Melissa Bracelet*" and "*The Melissa Necklace*" for the next year. To support **Calm Waters** with a purchase from the **Meljourne Women** line - or to apply to become a future **Meljourne Woman** - please go to: www.meljourne.com. For more information, contact Lauren@calmwaters.org or 405-841-4800.

ABOUT CALM WATERS CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Calm Waters' mission is to help children and their families in their grief journey caused by death, divorce or other significant loss. Since 1992, Calm Waters has provided grief and divorce support groups free of charge to the community, serving more than 34,000 individuals. Through our Center-based support groups, School-based support groups, Parenting Through Divorce seminars, and other educational opportunities, Oklahoma children and families find the support they need during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. For more information about Calm Waters, please visit www.calmwaters.org or call 405.841.4800. Calm Waters is a United Way of Central Oklahoma partner agency.

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