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Center for Grief Support

IMPACT REPORT

Circles of Hope 2024

23%

increase in unique children and teens served since 2023

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In 2024...

We have served 256 unique children and adolescents.

Individuals have attended our Circles of Hope programming 1,726 times.

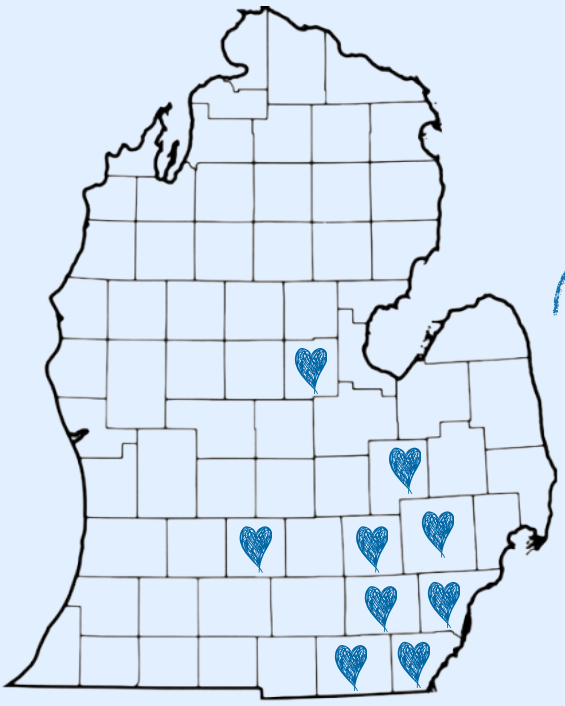
We have served 164 families.

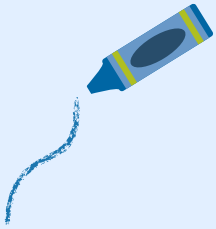
We have seen a 30% increase in children and teens who have experienced a loss due to suicide or substance use.

We served families from 9 different counties across Michigan.











52% MALE

48% FEMALE

KID'S CAMP

Our annual kid's grief camp is designed to help children connect with other children to know they are not alone in their grief, achieve opportunities to learn about the reactions and emotions associated with grief, the significance of developing healthy coping skills, and ways to grow through the grief journey by sharing their stories.

During Kid's Camp, our campers experienced a fun interactive 2-day camp through nine different stations. Each station was specifically designed to ensure children had the opportunity to talk about their loss, learn about grief-related emotions and reactions, and connect with other grieving children.

156 children and teens were in attendance

222 volunteers helped make camp possible

9 fire departments and law enforcement agencies volunteered

- Michigan State Police
- Northville Township Police Department
- Northville Police Department
- Novi Police Department
- Livonia Police Department
- Farmington Hills Police Department
- Van Buren Township Police Department
- Canton Police Department
- Northville Township Fire Department







33% increase in campers





71% increase in volunteers

Horse Therapy | Art Therapy | MI Jags Soccer | Golf | Song Writing | Animal Engagement | Yoga | Football | Self Care

TOGETHER, WE LEARNED THAT "GETTING ON PAR WITH GRIEF" TAKES...

PATIENCE
to work through your grief

RESILIENCE
to face challenges

DRIVE
to grow through grief







"Working together and leaning on others makes things easier."

- RED TEAM CAMPER



70%
of campers lost a parent or sibling

60%
of our campers have attended our camp previously

17%
of our camp volunteers were police officers or firefighters

FUN FACT

NEW HOPE WAS INVITED TO THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S GRIEF'S ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON CHILDREN'S GRIEF TO PRESENT ON HOW WE DEVELOPED OUR CAMP!

FAMILY FRIDAYS

Throughout the year, we offer this monthly family-based program. Dinner is provided, along with break-out sessions, discussions, and activities to provide tools to help navigate the grief journey. We offer a unique theme, and activity each month.

40
families served at Family Fridays

211
times children have attended Family Fridays

61%
children attended multiple events

FAMILY FRIDAY THEMES

FEB	Healing Through Movement
MAR	Memory Bank
APR	Rebuilding After Loss
MAY	Growing Through Grief
JUN	Kick the Crap Out of Grief
AUG	Overcoming Obstacles
SEP	Grief is Puzzling
OCT	Grief Isn't Fair
NOV	What's Your Grief Story?
DEC	Santa's Workshop



"There is so much support!"
- Caregiver

"It helps us immensely."
- Caregiver

TYPES OF LOSS



77%
PARENT



9%
EXTENDED FAMILY



14%
SIBLING

AGES



12% - - - - 0-3



51% - - - - 5-8



29% - - - - 9-12



09% - - - - - 13+

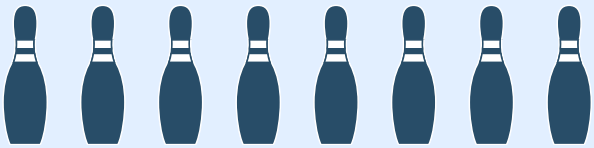
DAY-TO-PLAY

"Day-to-Play" is a special activity that gives children the opportunity to connect and share with other children who have lost a loved one, while enjoying the day off from school. Our goal is for the kids to connect, share, and express their feelings in a safe environment.

JANUARY

Bowling

CHILDREN SERVED







FEBRUARY

Staying Connected

CHILDREN SERVED







NOVEMBER

Meeting Local Community Heroes

CHILDREN SERVED





FINDING YOUR SUPERPOWERS

Finding Your Superpowers is an interactive family event designed to help families respond to grief and loss through the stories of our favorite superheroes.

SUMMARY IN A FLASH

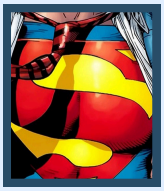
- 17 Children
- 10 Adults
- 10 Volunteers
- 8 Police Officers
- 3 Therapy Dogs
- 3 Staff Members
- 2 Bat Mobiles











DID YOU KNOW?

The "S" on Superman's chest is actually the kryptonian symbol for "HOPE."

We learned that even in our grief we have special SUPERPOWERS

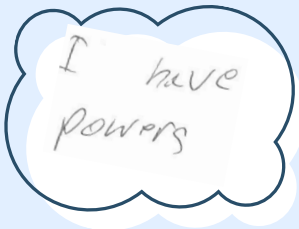


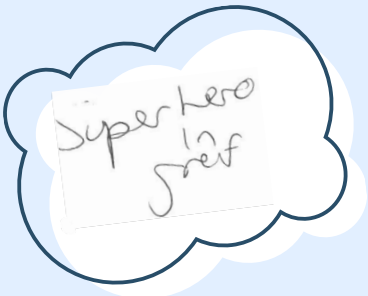












SCHOOL-BASED GRIEF SUPPORT

School-based grief support programs aim to help schools identify and track students impacted by grief and prepare and collaborate with schools to support those students. Our programming includes childhood bereavement training, First Steps Advocacy, direct support after the loss of student or staff, 8-week on-site grief support groups, and ongoing support and resources.

THE IMPACT:

- We served bereaved students, staff, and families in the Northville, Plymouth/Canton/Salem, and Livonia School Districts.
- Children and teens attended our school-based grief support groups 276 times, which was a **22% increase** from 2023.
- First Steps Advocacy provides one-to-one support for students. We had a **63% increase** in meetings compared to the program in 2023.
- We had **182** school professionals attend our Grief Sensitivity Trainings.

WHAT THE STUDENTS HAD TO SAY ABOUT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS:

- 92% of students found the information that was shared to be helpful.
- 100% of students would recommend this grief group to other grieving students.

WHAT STUDENTS LEARNED FROM THEIR TIME IN THE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

- "It's good to talk through your thoughts out loud."
- "Everyone has a different experience."
- "Talking about your feelings can make you feel better."
- "I'm not the only one that has experienced specific things."

NEW HOPE PROVIDED RESOURCES AND DIRECT SUPPORT TO SCHOOLS 194 TIMES AND SUPPORTED 18 STUDENTS FOLLOWING THE LOSS OF A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER.



New Hope presented our Grief Sensitivity Training to the National Association of School Social Workers Annual Conference to 70 school social workers in Traverse City.



TEEN GROUP

Teen group is an 8-week session support group designed for teens that are grieving the death of a loved one. This program will help teens better understand their grief, provide a safe space for them to communicate their thoughts and feelings, and provide them with healthy coping skills, and the tools they will need to help them navigate their grief journey.

THE IMPACT

- We held two 8-week sessions and one 4-week session.
- Teens attended our groups 170 times.
- There was a 23% increase in unique teens.
- 38% of our teen participants have attended multiple sessions of our Teen Group.
- 100% of teens found the topics of the group to be helpful.
- We discussed topics such as common emotions and reactions related to grief, healthy coping strategies, various ways to navigate holidays and special days, and a plethora of other grief-related topics that teens were able to connect over.





75%
experienced the loss of a parent

19%
experienced the loss of a sibling

6%
experienced the loss of an extended family member

What teens liked about group . . .

"I learned **healthy coping**."

"I learned how to deal with **grief** and **sadness**."

"I liked talking to people about **how I feel**."

THANK YOU . . .

to the grantors, donors, sponsors, and countless community partners and volunteers that help families connect, learn, and grow.



Kid's Camp



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