

# NEW HOPE

Center for Grief Support



## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020**

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## FROM OUR FOUNDERS

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When I had a vision to start a Christian based bereavement center, I never imagined this vision would have helped thousands of people & be going stronger than ever 21 years later. I sincerely believe that God has blessed this ministry & has continued to help us meet the needs of grieving individuals by providing dedicated staff & volunteers & the funding necessary to keep our doors open. I am so grateful to all of you. New Hope will always remain in my heart & in my prayers.

--Cathy Clough



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# 20 YEARS

OF HOPE, HEALING, AND NEW BEGINNINGS

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We've asked ourselves many times, "How many people have been touched by New Hope Center for Grief Support?" That's not an easy question. Sure, the thousands of people who attended workshops can be counted, but how does one count their circle of family and friends who were also impacted because their loved one had an encounter with New Hope? The old saying about "the breeze from the wings of a butterfly reaching 'round the world" comes to mind. We've concluded that it's impossible to count all of the folks who have benefited from the offerings of New Hope in the past. Now, our thoughts are turning to the future. We believe that New Hope will thrive well into the future because of prayers, volunteers, and donors. To each of you who are helping along the way, we say a big, "THANK YOU!"

-John and Betty Baird

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**“A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.”**

**– Christopher Reeve**

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The year 2020 was unlike any other in New Hope's history – requiring resilience, flexibility, and perseverance in adapting to the unforeseen challenges caused by the pandemic. As fears of a pandemic grew, and the need to shelter-in-place and practice social distancing became a reality, heroes could be found on the front lines at New Hope Center for Grief Support. Our staff and volunteers rose to the challenge during these unprecedented times by finding new ways to bring hope, healing, and new beginnings to those who were often isolated and suffering alone while grieving the death of a loved one.

When our world came to a halt and shutdowns were ordered, the New Hope staff rolled up their sleeves and faced the challenge of finding new ways to offer grief support. On March 16, the staff converted our numerous in person programs, services, and peer support groups to virtual platforms. Our army of volunteers were equally willing to adapt, meeting the challenge by becoming tech savvy seemingly overnight -- launching and hosting all of our support groups and completing the last five weeks of the “From Grief to New Hope” Workshop virtually.

The dedication of our team and volunteers allowed New Hope to explore new and additional ways to serve the community. New Hope partnered with Northville Public Schools to host a “Parenting Through a Pandemic” webinar for those impacted by a death during the Covid-19 pandemic. Similarly, New Hope joined with Ward Church in presenting the “Navigating A Pandemic” webinar.

By early summer, New Hope had launched three new ongoing support groups. In addition, existing peer support groups that had previously met semi-monthly began meeting weekly. We even pulled off our Annual Kids Camp, in person, outdoors of course, socially distanced, wearing masks, and operating under the requirements of the New Hope Preparedness and Response Plan. The camp experience was powerful. Most of our campers had been out of school since March. The connections made between our campers and volunteers created so many amazing moments. Our volunteers and staff worked tirelessly to find other unique ways to offer grievers hope and healing throughout the summer.

New Hope Center for Grief Support marked its 20th Anniversary in 2020. Although we were unable to celebrate this milestone as we had hoped, our supporters recognized the circumstances and the ever increasing needs in our community. Their generosity and outpouring of support empowered New Hope to expand its programming, and to serve more grievers in more ways than ever before. The acts of our supporters also allowed New Hope to continue to look forward. We have recently moved into new offices located in the Northville Square mall. The move broadens our impact by substantially expanding our capacity to host additional support groups, seminars, programs, and to serve more grievers.

Through the generous support of our stakeholders, the relentless dedication of our army of volunteers, and the perseverance of the staff, New Hope continues to be a force. A force of heroes who transform despair into hope, heartbreak into healing, and grief into life-changing new beginnings for so many. You are never alone when you are part of the New Hope Family.

May God bless each and every one of our participants, supporters, volunteers, and staff members.

**JENNIFER FRUSH**

Executive Director

# FROM OUR OUTGOING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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Dear New Hope Community,

The report you are holding is a look back at 2020, a year which presented many new challenges for all of us. I believe you will be interested to read about all the ways New Hope responded and pivoted during the Global Covid-19 pandemic, to both continue and grow our mission to serve those in grief. You will also see that in a year in which individual donations were down, New Hope was able to maintain and improve our financial position by pursuing corporate donations and grants.

In May 2020, I stepped down as Chairman of the board, after having served in that position for three years. I appreciate the confidence my fellow board members showed in me over that time, and I feel tremendously privileged to have participated in a leadership role during a time of significant growth for New Hope in programming, in people served, and in our financial outlook. None of this would have been possible without the tremendous support we receive from our volunteer board members, facilitators, speakers, and support staff who enable us to conduct workshops, and from those who provide financial support through donations, sponsorships, and grants.

In May 2021, I'll be stepping down from the board entirely, having served two 3 year terms. I'm confident that I'm leaving this community in good hands. We have a strong, active board of directors, led by Ed Doody. Our Executive Director, Jennifer Frush, has shown tremendous initiative and leadership. During the Covid-19 pandemic she was early in the work-from-home initiative to keep our staff safe, implementing plans before the state required it. Simultaneously, she spear-headed an effort to move New Hope's workshops and on-going support groups to tele-conference and video conference solutions so that participants could continue to receive support without interruption. This was particularly important for those struggling with grief in these unprecedented and isolating times. Jennifer's initiative did not stop there. Under her leadership, New Hope launched a new support group specific to frontline workers who had experienced a loss during the pandemic. She also coordinated "Trauma Informed Care" training for the staff and volunteers of New Hope. Jennifer has helped New Hope become an important resource for the local school district and on May 7, we partnered with PCS Counseling and Northville Youth Network to host "Parenting through a Pandemic", a webinar for parents and teachers in the community. Although I won't be in a leadership role, I still plan to be active in the New Hope community.

I look forward to a day in the near future when we can again shake hands and embrace in person at a New Hope event or "fun raiser"!

**STEVE ROWLEY**

Chairman of the Board 2017 - 2020

## MISSION

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Bringing Hope, Healing, and New Beginnings to adults and children grieving the death of a loved one

## VISION

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Our vision as a bereavement resource center for Southeast Michigan is to see those who've come through our program create a safe, understanding community for others in grief and help change the way our culture responds to grief and loss. We do this through two methods:

- Direct grief support services
- Community Outreach, Training, and Practical Resources

## FROM OUR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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As we look back on 2020 and 20 years of New Hope Center for Grief Support, I reflect on my time with the organization and the impact it has had on my own life. It has been 15 years since my daughter Hannah passed away in a tragic accident. She was only 7 years old and I found myself wondering what to do with all this grief, the loss of a child. My wife and I turned to our church for guidance and found New Hope Center for Grief Support. The support groups provided by New Hope were instrumental in my grief journey.

Since then, I have been a New Hope supporter, facilitator, board member, and have now been appointed Chairman of the Board. I would like to thank our previous Chairmen of the Board including Steve Rowley, Nick Hopwood, and founding Chairman John Baird. It is with their guidance that New Hope has been able to bring hope, healing, and new beginnings to those in grief for over 20 years.

The year 2020 was a challenging year for New Hope as it navigated through a global pandemic. While the year may have had its challenges, we have been able to reach more people through our virtual programs than ever before. New Hope has also been featured throughout the year on the radio, in magazines, and on TV. Though we saw a reduction in sponsorships, our team worked hard to maintain our funding through applying for several COVID-19 relief grants, allowing New Hope to continue its mission to serve grieving individuals throughout 2020. Since I have been appointed Chairman, New Hope has moved into a new office and we are looking ahead to serve more griever in the next 20 years. Throughout my involvement, I have gained a better understanding of the grief journey. By helping others and giving God all the glory, you in turn, help yourself.

**ED DOODY**

Chairman of the Board

## NEW HOPE CENTER STAFF



**JENNIFER FRUSH**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**ANGELA MILLER**

PROGRAM MANAGER



**VALERIE BRDA**

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

**EMILY RYAN**

PROJECT COORDINATOR



**COLLEEN AGROTIS**

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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 Director Emeritus  
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 Betty Baird - Founder

## FROM GRIEF TO NEW HOPE

New Hope had 187 people attend our Eight-Week Workshops in 2020. During unprecedented times, we transitioned our Spring Eight-Week Workshop to a virtual format in March. We offered our Fall workshop in both a virtual format and in-person with small groups of 10. Throughout our two workshops, 51% of our participants lost someone less than six months ago. We are seeing more and more people reach out sooner after their loss occurred. This is a testament to the changes we are making within our culture and community surrounding grief and loss. We are so thankful for the volunteers (facilitators, speakers, and support team members) who adapted to a virtual format and continued to comfort those who were grieving amidst a global pandemic.



### "One thing I loved..."

"We were able to laugh and cry with one another"

"Being able to express myself with no judgment"

"The chance to share, listen, and grow."

"Knowing I wasn't alone"

"Everything. Facilitators were wonderful- kind, empathetic, supportive, helpful"

### Virtual Participants Shared...

"It was nice to talk from the comfort of my couch, I felt more comfortable so I felt like I got more out of it."

"It is a new world we live in. I thought it was very helpful to be at home and be able to contemplate the weekly discussion immediately when the session was over for the week."

"It was great and still felt like we were all close even if we were not."

"This was a great way to still help those needing grief support"

## WORKSHOP IMPACT

**99%** Better understand their grief

**99%** Can better communicate thoughts and feelings

**100%** Are able to cope with their feelings more effectively

**99%** Are able to talk about their loved one

**89%** Are less anxious about upcoming holidays or special days

## SEMINARS AND SUPPORT

### 101 SEMINAR ATTENDANCE

We helped 101 people through our virtual Beginning the Grief Journey and Hope for the Holidays seminars, with many inviting family and friends to participate or connecting to other programs for ongoing support.

### PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

### 101 SUPPORT GROUP ATTENDEES EACH WEEK

In 2020, we transitioned all of our ongoing support groups to virtual in March. We also launched a support group for all losses and a support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one due to COVID-19. We supported 51 individuals in our Support for All Losses group and 48 individuals in Grieving During a Pandemic group. We held 291 support groups over the course of 2020, with an average of 17 attendees at each group.

### FIRST STEPS

First Steps is our one-on-one peer support program. In 2020, we supported 77 people through virtual or in-person one-on-one meetings. The main goals of our individual meetings is to provide those reaching out with resources, referrals, and information on upcoming programs. Many of the people we meet one-on-one go on to attend an ongoing group or workshop. First Steps provides support to people of any age with any type of loss, especially those with recent or traumatic losses.

# 5,069

Attendees at ongoing groups, workshops, seminars, first steps, kids camp, and family Fridays.

## TRAUMA INFORMED CARE

New Hope has continued to see an increase in those reaching out to us after a recent, sudden, or traumatic loss, including losses due to suicide, overdose, and COVID-19. At the start of the global pandemic, New Hope Center for Grief Support staff and key volunteers underwent training on Trauma Informed Care. This training equipped the staff and volunteers to support individuals who may have experienced a traumatic loss or who may have previous trauma resurfacing due to the death of a loved one. This was vital to the launch of our COVID-19 support groups and to the work New Hope Center for Grief Support has done throughout 2020.

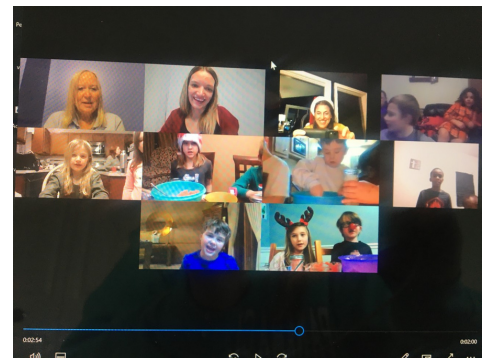
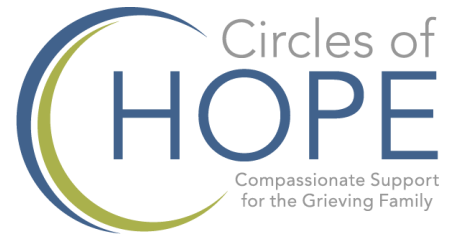


## FAMILY FRIDAY

The goal of New Hope's Family Friday program is to support the family while connecting them with others who have experienced loss. This past year was a year of challenges and perseverance. Our New Hope families have shown tremendous perseverance while they navigate the challenge of losing a loved one. The participants of Family Friday started out the year doing in person meetings for our first two months. We were able to explore our grief through activities such as creating slime at Stemville and taking a yoga class. When the pandemic hit in March, Family Friday made the move to virtual meetings. Through the flexibility of families, staff, and volunteers we were able to make the transition smoothly. Participants were able to enjoy many fun activities over Zoom such as getting a tour of the fire and police stations, having therapy dogs join the Zoom calls, creating Christmas presents for loved ones, virtual Jenga, and more. Throughout the year our participants were able to engage in enjoyable activities while also learning about their grief.

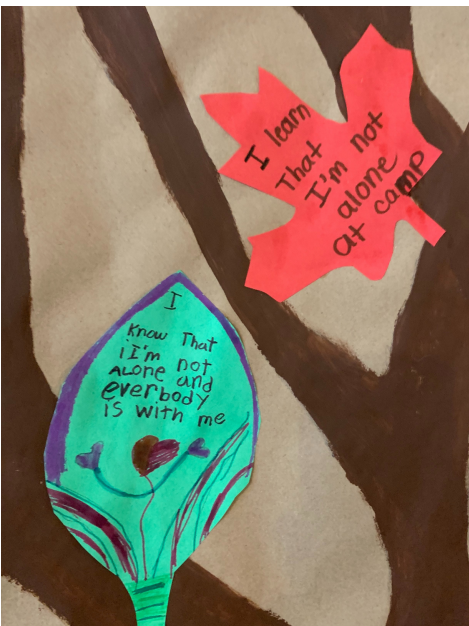
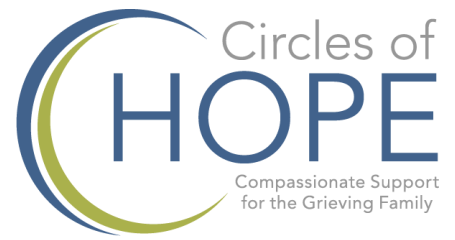
## TEEN GROUP

In May 2020, New Hope launched our virtual Teen Group. This group offers high school teenagers an opportunity to connect with others who have also experienced the death of a loved one. This group is open to all types of loss; teens who have lost a parent, friend, grandparent, or sibling have all attended. Each session is 6 weeks long and there are four 6-week sessions each year. The group is facilitated by a staff member, a teen facilitator, and an adult facilitator who have all experienced a the death of a loved one during their teenage years. New Hope supported 19 teens through this group in 2020 and expects continued growth of the group throughout 2021 and beyond.



## KIDS CAMP

New Hope held our Kids Camp at Maybury Farm for the third year in a row, and 35 campers joined us for both days of camp! This year's theme for camp was "Grow Through What You Go Through." The campers engaged in a number of activities including a scavenger hunt, equestrian therapy, yoga, music therapy, art therapy, and a mindfulness nature walk. We are so thankful to our presenting sponsor, Angela Hospice, along with the other sponsors and grantors who supported our Kids Camp. We had police officers from Northville join us as camp counselors and firefighters from Northville Township brought the fire truck to cool off the campers after the first day. For the third year in a row, Bridgewater Support Services brought in therapy horses to camp to interact with the kids. Campers were able to leave their handprint on the horse, which represented the imprint their lost loved ones left on them, as well as the imprint they left on one another as they learned and grew together at camp. The campers were also able to bond with the farm animals, learning how some of the animals at the farm had experienced the loss of a loved one. The campers created a farm mural together, with many of them writing on the mural, realizing they are not alone.



## OUTREACH

New Hope reached 1,599 people through our outreach efforts in 2020. This was a record number for our organization as we found many unique opportunities to showcase New Hope and support our community. We participated in webinars, worked with Northville Public Schools, local funeral homes, and churches. New Hope was featured in both radio interviews and news articles. In addition, New Hope's Executive Director, Jennifer Frush, and Board Chairman, Ed Doody, were interviewed for Dr. Michele Reno's television show, "Mind Matters:.. New Hope had speakers at local rotary clubs, the DDA, BNI, and more. As we reach more of our community, we are able to bring our mission and vision to life.

### NAVIGATING A PANDEMIC:

Finding *hope* in crisis  
(free webinar)



## NAVIGATING A PANDEMIC

New Hope Center for Grief Support's Executive Director, Jennifer Frush, presented in a webinar on "Navigating A Pandemic: Finding Hope in Crisis". This webinar was sponsored by Ward Church and brought licensed counseling and peer support together, sharing practical tools to help people navigate the months ahead. Topics included relationships, faith, our brains during crisis, and loss of loved ones and normalcy.

## PARENTING THROUGH A PANDEMIC

New Hope presented in a webinar, "Parenting Through A Pandemic" with PCS Counseling and Northville Youth Network. This presentation and interactive question and answer session shed light on the effect of the pandemic on children and families and how parents and caregivers can build resiliency and support positive coping skills. Over 93% of participants felt more at ease with some of the social and emotional components of parenting during a pandemic.



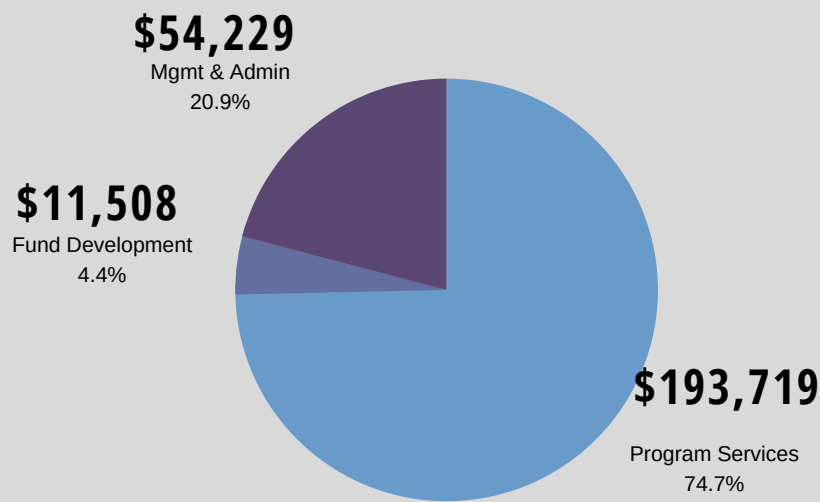
## HEALING WITH HORSES

In 2020 New Hope began Healing with Horses, a community effort to support and educate school teachers, staff members, and students on the grief journey and supporting those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. This equine activity worked through the lens of grief and loss, touching on the loss of a loved one as well as the loss of normalcy we are all experiencing. Participants from Cooke School partnered with the horses and gained skills to work with grieving students during the pandemic.

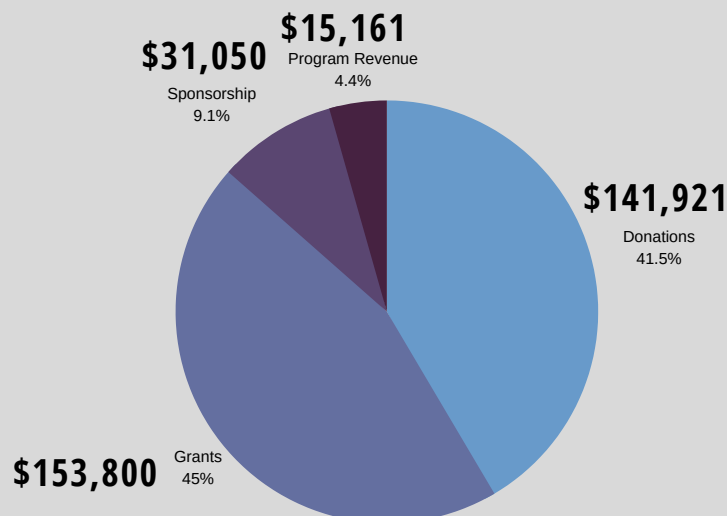
We grew our operating budget to \$296,612 in 2020, a 25% increase from our budget in 2019. Our annual expenses came in under budget at \$259,456. This increase in our budget allowed us to expand our programs and add additional ongoing support groups to meet the increased needs in 2020 amidst the global pandemic. We were able to transition our programs to virtual offerings, adding diversity to our programming to meet the unique and specialized needs that 2020 brought to New Hope. We are continuously committed to wise stewardship of the resources with which our stakeholders have entrusted us.

The total revenue raised in 2020 was \$341,932, a 23% increase from 2019. What's remarkable about this figure was that we exceeded our 2020 revenue budget in a year that brought many fundraising challenges. While we saw a decrease in sponsorship and did not receive any event revenue in 2020 due to the cancellation of our yearly fundraiser, we saw growth in grants and individual donations. Even more remarkable is that 23% of the \$141,921 in individual donations was raised by volunteer- led "FUN"raisers, many of which were held virtually, which is a true testament to our passionate and dedicated volunteer base.

## 2020 EXPENSES \$259,456



## 2020 REVENUE \$341,932



Total amount raised in memory of loved ones: **\$51,126**

**"Blessed are those who mourn, for they  
shall be comforted".  
Matthew 5:4**

## IN MEMORY OF:

Aaron Greaves	Diane Ryeson	John Dennis	Noreen M. Krause
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Thank you to our

# HEROES OF HOPE

We are grateful to the following individuals for their monthly commitment to support New Hope Center for Grief Support. It is with their ongoing support that we are able to bring

**Hope, Healing, and New Beginnings**

to adults and children grieving the death of a loved one.

Barbara Bushey	Karin Kaselemis
Carol Carr	Kevin & Julie Brown
Cathie Salach	Lynn Valade
Charles Wilkinson	Margie Brace
Chris & Pat Lowes	Martha and Stan Gilchrist
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Jim Pilat	Paul & Karla Declue
John & Goldie Dawson	Robert & Jennifer Frush
John Spence	Sylvia Arakelian
John/Betty Baird	Tom & Ann Marie Krause
Joy Berent	

Thank you to our

# 100 X 100 DONORS

In 2020, New Hope supporters created a Facebook fundraising challenge to celebrate our 20th Anniversary and support New Hope during a challenging year. Our board members donated \$100 and shared videos on Facebook challenging others to donate \$100 to New Hope until we reached 100 donors. A generous donor matched \$5,000 during the first week of donations and we exceeded our goal, raising over \$20,000 for New Hope in honor of our 20th anniversary.

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Barbara Kekessy	Gerry & Dave Phillips	Kirk Carson	Rob Freeman
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Dyane Townley	Kelly Dixon	Renee Martin	William Dolezal
Edward Doody			



Thank you to our  
**SUPPORTERS**

We are grateful to the following organizations for supporting our mission to bring  
**Hope, Healing, and New Beginnings**  
to adults and children grieving the death of a loved one

**GRANTORS**



**Wayne County Economic  
Development**

**The Doulos Foundation**



New Hope Center for Grief Support was awarded a \$50,000 Love Takes Action Award from the New York Life Foundation.

We are grateful for the New York Life Foundation's investment in our organization and for Steve Rowley, a New York Life agent, for recognizing Jennifer Frush for her work in the community during COVID-19, which brought about this grant, and which will change many lives for the better.

The Love Takes Action Award program awarded \$50,000 to local nonprofit organizations, which were championed by New York Life agents and employees. Jennifer Frush was one of thirty-five community members from across the nation who embodied Love Taking Action in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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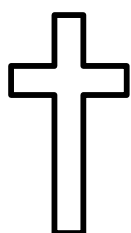
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# WE MOVED!

**OUR NEW HOME IS AT 133 W. MAIN ST.  
SUITE 113 NORTHVILLE, MI 48167**

New Hope Center for Grief Support has relocated to a new space in the Northville Square Mall. This larger space will allow us to expand our programming, offering more on-site support groups



**"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a  
light to my path."  
Psalms 119:105**

The Board of Directors, New Hope Staff, and army of amazing volunteers are committed to creatively serving those grieving during these unprecedented times with compassion and care. Understanding the unique needs of those grieving during a global pandemic and providing innovative resources to help those impacted by loss find hope, healing, and new beginnings has been our mission and will continue to remain our focus in 2021.

In order to reach more grieverers with greater capacity while continuing to offer free programs and services to all grieving in our communities, we need your help! Whether you have benefited from the programs and services offered at New Hope or know of someone who has, please consider giving the gift of HOPE - Hope to know that the pain will not always be so intense, the opportunity to connect with others who understand, and the power to transform that pain into a purpose. Embrace and join New Hope in changing despair to hope, heartbreak to healing, and transforming grief into life-changing new beginnings.

Help New Hope Center for Grief Support bring healing to 2021!

## 2021 CURRENT PROGRAMS

### Workshops and Seminars

From Grief to New Hope  
Beginning the Grief Journey  
Hope for the Holidays

### Circles of Hope

Family Fridays  
Kids Camp  
Teen Group

### First Steps Individual Peer Support

### Ongoing Groups

Starting Again (Northville, Novi,  
and Dearborn)  
Suicide Support Group  
Widowers Group  
Widows Group  
Grieving a Loss Due to a  
Pandemic  
Parents of Hope  
Support for All Losses  
Loss Due to Substance Abuse



Hello and welcome to flight 2021! As we prepare to take off into the New Year, please make sure your attitude and blessings are locked in an upright position. All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time. All negativity, shame, and discouragement should be put away. Should we lose altitude under pressure during the flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated you can assist other passengers. There will be no baggage allowed on this flight. The Captain has cleared us for takeoff. Destination hope, healing, and new beginnings. Hope to see you all there!

On behalf of the entire crew at New Hope Center for Grief support we thank you for your support in 2020 and rising up with us to support healing in 2021.

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## GET INVOLVED

Our ministry is growing yet there is still need in our community for more high-quality grief support and education...more than we can keep up with. We are seeing increasingly more people reaching out after experiencing a loss from suicide or overdose. We are also seeing people reach out with much more recent and traumatic losses (less than a month after a death). We are hoping to diversify our programming so that everyone can find the help they need and begin their journey towards hope, healing, and new beginnings.

Below are some ways you can help!

### VOLUNTEER

You can help provide compassionate care and peer support to grieving adults and children. Or, you can help behind the scenes through event planning, administrative support, fundraising, or outreach.

<https://newhopecenter.net/get-involved-draft>

### DONATE

Consider making a one-time gift, joining our Heroes of Hope monthly donor program, or make a memorial gift in honor of your loved one.

<https://newhopecenter.net/giving>

### SPONSOR

Your business or organization can sponsor a specific program or event, or you can support our ministry through an affinity (annual) sponsorship.

<https://newhopecenter.net/giving/#sponsor>

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