

honoring grief, building hope



MargaretAnn's Place is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of grieving children and their family members.

Our mission is to provide support, education and awareness for children and their families who are grieving a death.



MargaretAnn's Place

Wisconsin's Center of Hope for Grieving Children

Sponsor A Child

The costs families must deal with after the death of someone close can be overwhelming. Many families who attend grieving programs have more than one child, and are often in financial distress due to medical bills and loss of income. MargaretAnn's Place does not require any family to pay for services, although some make donations when they are able. You can help in the healing process by sponsoring a grieving child today.



History

Following the sudden death of their daughter MargaretAnn in 1998, MargaretAnn's Place was created when the Smith-Jones family found there were support services in place for them as parents, but none available for their son, Jared. After researching grief centers around the country, founder Debra Smith-Anderson discovered that there were countless organizations for grieving children but none in Wisconsin; MargaretAnn's Place was born.

Headquartered in Milwaukee, MargaretAnn's Place is one of 300 grief centers throughout the country and the first of its kind in Wisconsin, dedicated exclusively to meeting the distinctive needs of grieving children and their families. MargaretAnn's Place is a tribute to children and families who will be forever changed and challenged by the death of their loved ones.

Sponsorship Options

- I'd like to sponsor a child for a year by contributing \$1,200*
- I'd like to sponsor a child for six months by contributing \$600*
- I'd like to sponsor a child for three months by contributing \$300*

Please complete the credit card form on the reverse side and mail to the listed address.

Did You Know

1 in 5 children experience the death of a family member by age 16.

Services

MargaretAnn's Place provides a wide variety of programs that create a nurturing environment for children to express their grief.

Through structured activities these programs help children learn positive coping skills, honor loved ones and gain a renewed sense of hope.

- Peer Support/Education Groups
- "Good Grief" for schools
- Camp Erin
- Grief & Literature Resources
- Consultation and Training



Did You Know

Children who experience the death of a family member are five times more likely to commit suicide, nine times more likely to drop out of school, and 20 times more likely to have behavioral disorders.

Filling A Void

Facing the death of a family member is a life altering experience for parents and children. Frequently children are neglected in the grieving process and are not giving the proper outlet to share their emotions. The limited opportunities for children to grieve make the healing process difficult and many of these children become at risk for a variety of behavioral issues including:

- Depression
- Aggression
- Anxiety
- Teen pregnancy
- Substance abuse
- Suicide

MargaretAnn's Place works with grieving children and their families to develop coping skills, express feelings of grief, and regain a sense of hope and confidence. Children are able to honor those who died and learn to move forward through one of the many programs and services MargaretAnn's Place provides.



You Can Help

MargaretAnn's Place is always seeking caring and dedicated individuals who can help by facilitating peer support education groups, assist in coordinating special events, sponsoring a child and donating. MargaretAnn's Place is truly reliant on volunteers to be successful. Please contact us to learn about opportunities to match your time, talent and passion – (414) 732-2663

"MargaretAnn's Place is truly a safe place where children and their families can come and find comfort, acceptance, and a compassionate ear. Children are free to express themselves through conversation with their peers. Through arts and crafts, the children also express their feelings and emotions." **Volunteer, Tina Schmitz**



Did You Know

MAP provides peer support/education groups to over 100 children a year.

Donation Form

MargaretAnn's Place is funded through contributions from individuals and businesses, grants from foundations, and many fundraising events. No matter the size, your donation allows us to provide hope and healing to a grieving child.

Total Donated

Donor's name _____
Email _____
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Please mail form with payment to:

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Milwaukee, WI
(414) 732-2663

Donate online:

www.margaretannspplace.org

See the reverse side or call today to learn about sponsoring a child:

1-866-455-HOPE

100% of all donations are tax deductible.



"We do things to remember the people we lost, to keep their memory but at the same time try moving through our lives without forgetting them."

Sage, age 11

Contact Us

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