

Children's Grief Center's 2017-2018 Annual Heartfelt News



Message from the President of the Board

This year, we served more families than any other year in the history of our organization. As awareness of our organization grows, so comes an increase in the number of grieving families that will walk through our doors. We are forever thankful for YOU, the backbone of this unduplicated and vital service for children. Whether you made a contribution, volunteered at an event, or worked alongside some of the most resilient and strong children and parents you will ever meet, YOU made a direct impact on their lives and the futures that are ahead of them.

A new quantitative statistical tool just released by the Jag Institute at Judi's House in Denver called the Childhood Bereavement Estimation Model (CBEM) states that 1 in 10 children in New Mexico will experience the death of a parent or sibling by the age of 18 (4th in the nation.) This is much higher than we anticipated, as the national average is 1 in 15. This statistic does not include the death of extended family and friends, so the number is presumably higher.

This new data reminds us all that we must always have a Children's Grief Center; a safe place where grieving families can share with one another, learn, and find their path to hope and healing. From the Board of Directors and the CGC staff, thank you for making this special place possible and for continuing to support us through the tremendous growth projected in the next few years.

Warmly,

Sandra Morgan Little

"It feels like a shelter where I can express my feelings without being made fun of."

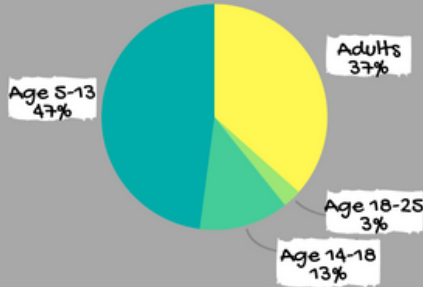
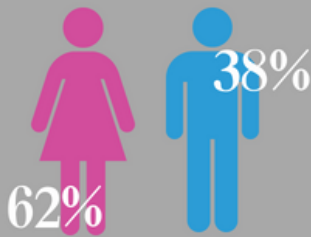
~13 year old boy whose uncle died



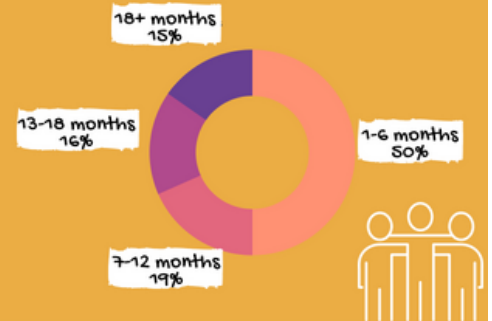
CHILDREN'S GRIEF CENTER OF NEW MEXICO'S 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR STATISTICS

(July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)

618 New Mexicans Have Received Support
 ...more than any other year in CGC's 17-year history!



LENGTH OF TIME FAMILIES HAD BEEN ATTENDING PEER SUPPORT GROUPS



MOST COMMON TYPES OF DEATH

Cancer	19%	Car Accident	9%
Suicide	16%	Unknown	8%
Illness	13%	Homicide	7%
Sudden/Other	12%	Overdose	4%
Heart Attack	12%		

2 Camp Corazóns served grieving children from all over New Mexico.

IT COSTS APPROXIMATELY

\$610

for an individual to receive 1 year of support at no cost.

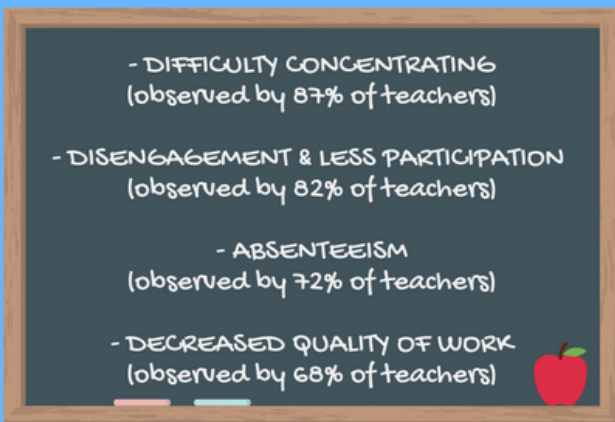


NATIONAL & STATE BEREAVEMENT STATISTICS

Parents who have difficulty coping with their own grief often have kids who report much higher levels of depression, anxiety & problems in school.

(Cerel, J., Fristad, M. A., Verducci, J., Weller, R. A., & Weller, E. B.)

TEACHERS REPORT THAT STUDENTS WHO HAVE LOST A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TYPICALLY EXHIBIT:



1 IN 10 NEW MEXICAN KIDS WILL EXPERIENCE THE DEATH OF A PARENT OR SIBLING BY AGE 18



MAKING NEW MEXICO

4th

IN THE NATION!

CHILDHOOD BEREAVEMENT ACROSS THE STATE*



*BEREAVEMENT DUE TO PARENTAL DEATH BEFORE AGE 18. Designations based on United States Department of Agriculture, Rural-Urban Continuum Codes.

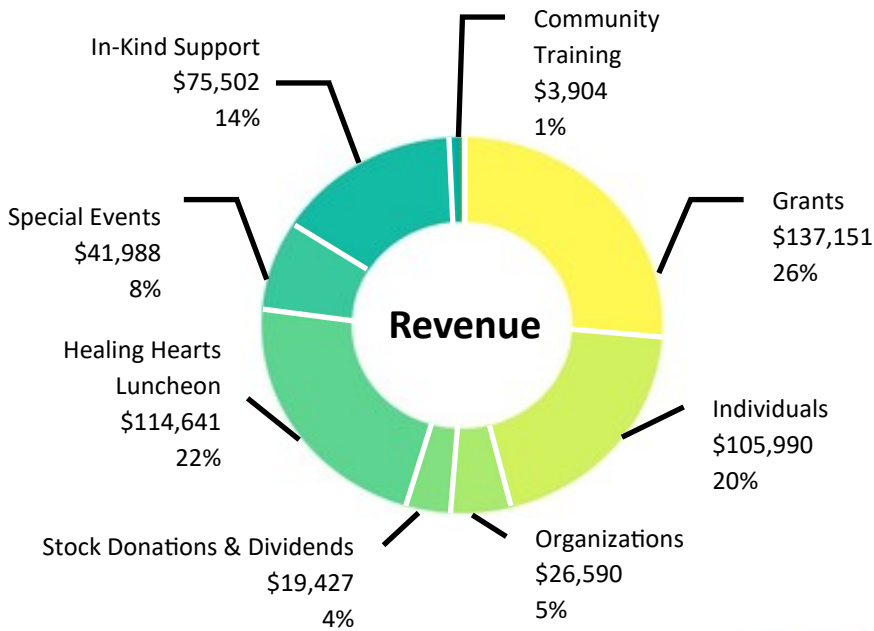
(Grieving in Schools: 2012 Nationwide Survey - NY Life Foundation & American Federation of Teachers)

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE CBEM & ADDITIONAL STATE & NATIONAL DATA, VISIT WWW.JUDISHOUSE.ORG/CBEM
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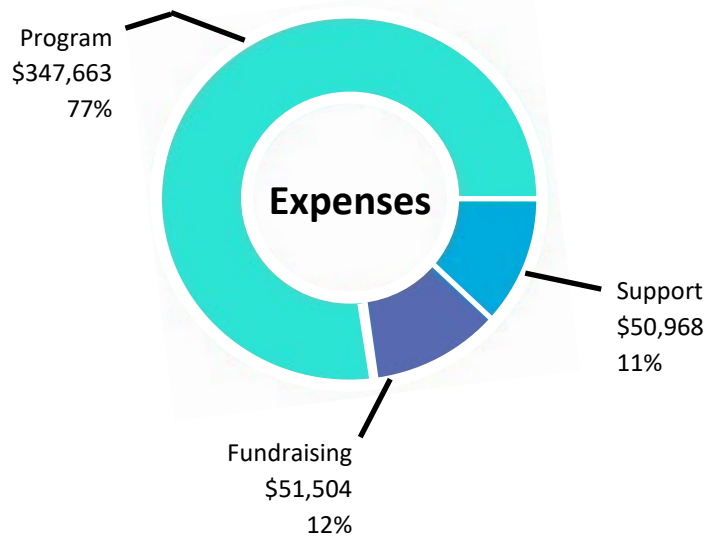
"The CGC means a lot because I feel more secure and less anxious about talking about my father."

-13 year old girl whose dad died

2017 - 2018 Financials



Revenues Total: \$525,192
Expenses Total: \$450,135



Did you know?

In addition to our on-going support groups, we offered the following services in the 2017-2018 year:

Family Day, Day Camp, 2 Camp Corazons, Back to School Boot Camp, Grief in the Holidays, Remembrance Ceremony, Losing Library, Family Zoo Day. We also provided trainings for Mental Health Professionals, First Responders, Educators, Chaplains and anyone who wanted to learn more about helping grieving children. Clients. (Bereavement Facilitation and Supporting Grieving Students trainings are CEU Certified!)

Building a Legacy - \$25,000+

Southwest Family Guidance Center

Securing the Future - \$10,000+

American Fundraising Foundation, Inc.
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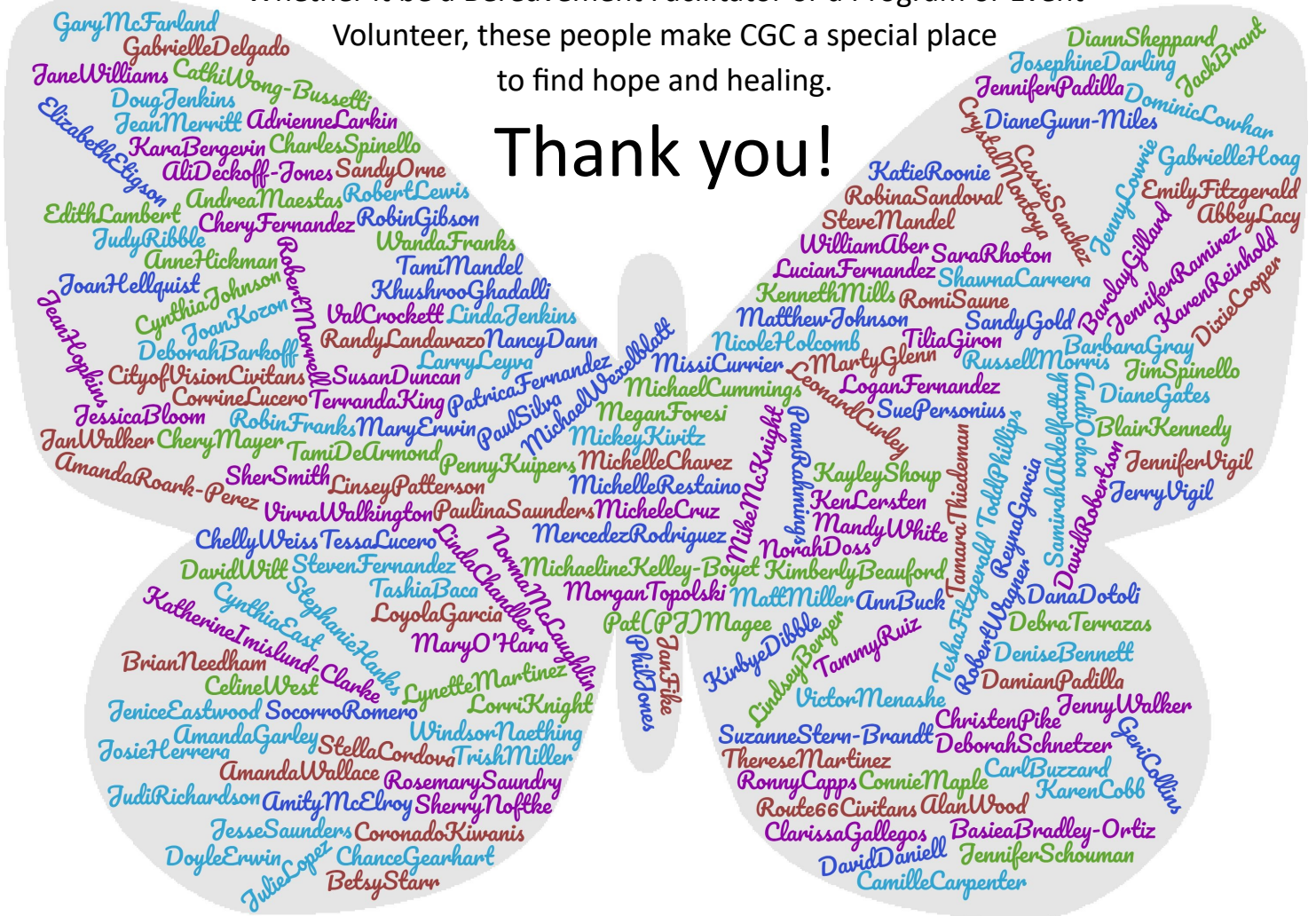


A special group of people.....

Whether it be a Bereavement Facilitator or a Program or Event

Volunteer, these people make CGC a special place
to find hope and healing.

Thank you!



In Honor Of:

Oftentimes the Children's Grief Center receives special gifts in honor of friends, family members or other loved ones who have a connection to our mission. The following individuals made such a contribution this past year. We thank you for your thoughtfulness!

Ann Buck - by Martha Youngblood • **Becky Buragge** - by Team AICPA • **Bob & Adrienne Thomson** - by Mr. N. Michael Brown • **Brian Colon** - by Alexis Mena • **Connor Brian Smith** – by M Brian McDonald • **Elise Orell** - by Eric Orell • **Glenn/Tichnell Family** - by Peter & Leslie & Chloe Glenn • **Grandchildren** - by Madeline Dunn • **Grieving Children** - by Lawrence Peterson • **Jack and Lynda Burch** - by Kellye Wharff • **Jeremiah & Samantha Nichols** - by Joseph & Patricia Defnet • **Joeseeph Lovato** - by Angela J. Lovato • **Joyce F Medina** - by Sendalio Garcia • **Kelly Smith** - by David A. & Kay C. Fahey • **Kitty Miller** - by Dr. Allen B. Adolphe • **Marcus & Adrianna Williams** - by Dorothy Schwiedergoll • **Margot Radaelli** - by Blaire Kilbey, Robert Juillet • **Mariah Hernandez** - by Veronica Du Bray & Jess Lara • **Robert Lewis** - by Arthur Rabin

In Memory Of:

When a loved one dies – tragically, suddenly or expectedly – family and friends sometimes make gifts to the Children's Grief Center in memory of their loved one. These heartfelt contributions provide much-needed support, but more importantly, allow the family an opportunity to express their gratitude and garner hope and healing from the CGC. Thank you for your kindness!

Anne Doberneck - by Leslie & Edward Adler • **Antoinette** - by Catherine Fridey • **Bennett Stephan** - by Ingrid Domonkos • **Bert Kelly Sr** - by Marsha Chandler • **Billie Jean** - by Miriam Corcoran, PhD • **Brittany Martin** - by Michael & Deanna Garringer, Jan & Carla Gamlin • **Connor O'Loughlin Mantsch** - by Shari O'Loughlin, MacKenzie & Erin Mantsch • **Dad** - by Tatiana Minot • **Daniel Garcia Jr.** - by Loyola Garcia • **Darren Haas** - by Brian & Roberta Swanhart • **David and Ella Mae Fike** - by Jan Fike • **David Fike** - by Dorothy Schwiedergoll • **David Leeper** - by Norma Leeper • **David P. Martinez** - by William & Judith Baca • **Dijvan Escandon** - by Alisa & Geoffrey Escandon, Bruce & Christine Budagher • **Donald Babcock** - by Tyonna Babcock -Hopp & Dezmin Babcock • **Edward, Joe Romero and Sylvia Chavez** - by Socorro Garcia-Romero • **Eric Stephens** - by Craig Stephens • **Eric Walters** - by Edward & Susan Walters, David & Diane Follstaedt • **Francisco Kean** - by Jennifer Kean & Eileen Alraid • **Gianna Martinez** - by John & Lea Ann Martinez • **Jean Davis** - by Karen Smoot • **Jeanne Nethery** - by Dianne & Michael Dalton • **Jeff Pond** - by Jan & Carla Gamlin • **Jennifer Riordan** - by Lynn & Craig Trojahn • **Joseph Lovato** - by Michele Lovato • **Julia Niland** - by Jessica, Nate, Nigel & Cora Daly • **Julie LaLonde** - by Alison Atwood • **Kalina Jinzo** - by Don & Rachel Jinzo • **Leo Aragon** - by Michael Martinez • **Linnie Davis & Mary Walterscheid** - by Missi Currier & Danny Cross • **Michael Aragon** - by Trinidad & Marie Morra • **Orion Plont** - by Carol & Phillip Jester • **Pamela Galbraith** - by Eugenio & Linda Lujan • **Patrick Jennings** - by Susan Jennings • **Patrick Tyrrell & Nicole Talk** - by Maiya Tyrrell • **Paula Franks** - by Thomas & Mary Jepsen • **Perla Casaus** - by Dianne & Michael Dalton • **Rose Freiberg** - by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lah • **Ryan Cossing** - by Steve Chavez & Dana Blair • **Ryan True** - by Kimberly Scullion • **Sadettin Agirnas & Mecca Raine** - by Kazim Agirnas & Sarah Jones • **Sam Albrecht** - by Barbara Amos • **Samantha Chaves, Castulo, Rudy, Jacob, and Michael** - by Larry & Roberta Muro • **Selma Rabin** - by Arthur Rabin • **Sherry Richardson** - by Gale & Julian Stienon • **Suzette Eubank** - by Mark & Corey Barela-Eubank • **Tania Saunders** - by Pauline Saunders • **Ted and Faye Jone** - by Jeffrey & Melissa Dunaway • **Thad Pittenger** - by Patricia Stephens • **Timothy Kee Williams** - by Dorothy Schwiedergoll • **Ty Brown** - by Leslie & Edward Adler

CGC Family Story



"My name is Raechelle. I'm 7 years old, and my dad died – from 3 heart attacks and a virus."

What were you doing on Thursday nights in 2013? Raechelle remembers what she was doing – introducing herself to other bereaved kids, listening to their stories, and sharing her own. This is what happened. This is where I was. This is what they told me. Five years later, Raechelle and her mom Bernadette returned to the Grief Center – not to participate in groups – but to tell their story of hope and of healing at our 2018 Healing Hearts Luncheon. Bernadette shared, **"People are shocked to learn what we've been through – because they see us now, and we are smiling."**

While Raechelle was in a support group of her peers, so was Bernadette. *"I made some friends who were further along in their grief. We helped each other. I don't know what we would have done*

without the Children's Grief Center. We were in shock. We were struggling financially. Raechelle was having dramatic, severe breakdowns at school. She asked for help. She specifically said, 'I want to talk to kids my age who understand.' Her teacher suggested a group for anger management. She wasn't angry. She was grieving. Fortunately her school counselor found the Children's Grief Center for us. **We're doing good. Raechelle has good grades. She's on student council, she has friends. I don't think any of this would be possible without the Children's Grief Center."**



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Volunteer Highlight



Phil Jones, 2017 Camp Corazon

Over the years, the majority of the volunteers who lead peer support groups at the Children's Grief Center have been women. This past group year, we have reached an all-time high for male facilitators. We have a total of ten wonderful men who currently facilitate Littles, Middles, Tweens, Teens, and Adults: Paul Silva, Chance Gearhart, Phil Jones, Robert Lewis, David Robertson, Larry Leyva, Randy Landavazo, Romi Saune, Damian Padilla,

and David Daniell. Of all the children participating in groups this year, close to half of them were boys and most of the children we see have had a father die. It is so important for boys to have a healthy male model of coping with grief. Boys are less able to verbalize feelings, and are also more physical in their grief. Male facilitators tend to be more comfortable with physical expressions of grief and are great to have in the kid groups. Two long-term facilitators, Phil Jones & Chance Gearhart, not only volunteer as support groups facilitators with kids during our regular support group year, but are also regular volunteers at Camp Corazon.



Chance Gearhart, 2017 Camp Corazon