



Children who experience the loss of someone special have a unique grief process. Since 1994, Hospice of Huntington has hosted a bereavement camp designed to support children, ages 8-16, who are coping with a loss. This special camp experience brings together children with their peers, adult volunteers and trained counselors to participate in group and individual activities aimed at helping them better understand their feelings of loss.



We also offer a family retreat for adults and children to better understand what their family members are going through and how they can work together in coping with a loss.



"I learned that it's ok to be sad because I am not the only one hurting."
- Courtney, age 10

Our Mission:

Hospice of Huntington provides compassionate physical, emotional and spiritual care for those with a life-limiting illness, and continued support for their families.



HOSPICE of HUNTINGTON, INC.

Serving residents in Cabell, Lincoln, Mason and Wayne counties in West Virginia, and southern Ohio.



Helping children and families who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

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SHARING • LEARNING • UNDERSTANDING

Thanks to the generous support from our community, these programs are offered free of charge to anyone in our service area.



Camp Good Grief Overview

This two-day overnight experience is one of learning, fun and enjoyment. It offers a variety of valuable activities, such as arts and crafts, games, music, and hiking. Our professional staff provides expertise and helpful information about the grief process for children, using a combination of group discussions and interactive activities. Each child is paired with a "Big Buddy" volunteer, who participates in all activities and offers individualized support during the camp experience.

Camp Goals

SHARING

Children come together in a safe and accepting environment, sharing their grief experience with others who have lost a loved one.

EXPRESSION

Children are provided information about grief that encourages them to express themselves in a more effective way.

UNDERSTANDING

Children learn that losing a loved one is a natural part of the life-cycle process.

AWARENESS

Children learn about support systems available to help with their grief journey.

MEMORIES

Children realize the importance of their feelings and memories of their loved one.

HOPE

Children understand that, over time, things can get better.



About Camp Good Grief Family Retreat

Camp Good Grief Family Retreat is a one-day experience for the whole family. Our professional staff leads informative group discussions, as well as fun activities for the whole family.

Participants become more aware of what family members are going through, improve communication, and learn new skills with which to support each other while they cope with loss.

"I learned that it is normal what I am going through."
- Matt, age 14

"Meeting new people to talk to makes me feel better."
- Chloe, age 9

"Life goes on even when it seems like the world should stop turning."
- Ryan, age 13

Family Retreat Goals

COPING

Families share methods and tools to help families cope with feelings of loss.

PLAY

Families have fun together, with games and craft projects

COMMUNICATION

Families improve the way they share thoughts and feelings.

TEAM BUILDING

Families will strengthen their bond by learning how to accept and offer support.

REMEMBER

Families learn ways to honor the memory of their loved one.



If you know a child who is interested in attending OR if you are interested in volunteering for Camp Good Grief, please contact the Bereavement Department at Hospice of Huntington for additional information.

To download camper or volunteer applications, please visit www.hospiceofhuntington.org.