Our Kids' Grief and Healing programming provides community and creative healing to youth in need, whether or not a loved one died in hospice care. The journey through grief and loss may be difficult and lonely, especially for children and adolescents who are sometimes forgotten grievers. They need a safe place to express the sadness, anger, and fear related to loss—thereby developing important coping skills. Through our Journeys camps, Oasis teen groups, and other creative expression programs, we help young people (4-18) forge connections with others, understand grief, and find that they are not alone.

HOW KIDS' GRIEF AND HEALING HELPS CHILDREN, TEENS, AND FAMILIES

- Provides individual and group grief support for children and teens facilitated by bereavement counselors.
- Offers camps and family events several times a year, including support for parents/guardians.
- Uses a variety of creative methods to help children and teens express their feelings, remember their person, and build coping skills.



See reverse for upcoming events.

JOURNEYS FALL BEREAVEMENT CAMP

Saturday, October 8th 9:30am-4:30pm Millington Stables

Children and teens ages 5-17 who have lost a person close to them are invited to attend this full day outdoor camp. The camp will be hosted by Living Earth School in a beautiful natural setting. Children and teens will be involved in nature-focused and expressive activities to promote grief healing. Campers will have fun, see that they are not alone, and understand that their feelings of grief are normal.

Individual art therapy sessions and school groups available as needed.



S'MORE JOURNEYS CAMP @HOME VIA ZOOM

Thursday, September 8th Thursday, November 10th 5:30pm on Zoom

Join Journeys families for activity time with special guest presenters and Journeys art therapists. Families will be encouraged to remember loved ones, express feelings, learn coping skills, and have fun together.

Highlights include receiving Camp@Home materials, creating art projects to share, enjoying s'mores with a virtual campfire, making music and song writing, remembering, and more. Ages 4-12 welcome!

OASIS TEENS ON ZOOM

Third Tuesday of Every Month 5:00pm on Zoom

Teens will gather on screen with peers who know what it is like to experience the death of someone they love. Oasis will meet Tuesdays at 5:00pm over Zoom for discussion, art, and support. We will connect with each other, do expressive activities, and share our joys and concerns. Unique grief topics will be explored, and each teen will find that they are not alone. Groups facilitated by board certified, registered art therapists. Ages 13-17 welcome!

Pre-registration is required for all groups and camps.

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