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Supporting Kidds

The Center for Grieving Children
and Their Families



Party on the Patio raises \$32,000!

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated to, and organized this wonderful event. Special thanks to the Vicmead Hunt Club and our honorary chair, First Lady Mrs. Carla J. Markell.

Why do we have so many fundraisers?

All of our services for grieving children and their families are offered on a sliding-scale basis. We want everyone to be able to benefit from our services and support.

Often the death is of a primary wage-earner in the family, resulting in greatly reduced family income. Families are often relieved to know that they can get the support they need without worrying about a financial strain.

Of our \$350,000 annual budget, only about 10% is provided by our clients. The remainder comes from our special fundraising events, corporate sponsors, state grant-in-aid, charitable grants, and generous donors like you.

Recent Grants Received - Thank you

Hockessin Athletic Club, \$17,300 through their Buy a Brick campaign. This will be used for capital improvements and services for our children.

New Castle County Council, \$1,200 through Councilwoman Janet Kilpatrick, for upgrades to our public lending library. Bibliotherapy is a very effective way to communicate with bereaved children.

Quota Club, \$500 for services for our children.

"In lieu of flowers....."

please send donations to Supporting Kidds". Thank you to the families who included this phrase in the obituary, asking that their family and friends make a donation to Supporting Kidds in memory of their loved one. When we receive memorial donations, we thank the donors and also send a card to the bereaved family listing the donors, but not the amount of each donation. We can accept memorial donations by mail, on the phone, or on our web site.

Welcome new interns!

Cassy, a UD junior, will be with us all summer, working on marketing and visual communications.

Jonathan, a senior at Wilmington Univ., is helping with our administrative and development efforts.

Caitlyn, another UD student, will be helping one day a week with program and office tasks.

Thank you departing interns!

Ellen, a PsyD graduate student at Widener Univ., spent her first practicum here.

Linda, from Neumann Univ., spent her last practicum with us. She graduated in May with an MA in Pastoral Counseling.

Elinor spent the year between college and graduate school helping us with a wide array of projects.

She volunteered 40 hours per week, gaining experience and perspective that helped

Our new video!



Thank you to our former clients who shared their feelings about Supporting Kidds and to Erik Seel and John Geisel who created the video.

Summer volunteer opportunities

Come spend a few hours with us. We will be organizing supplies, cleaning, doing office work, painting, and/or weeding. Please RSVP.

Thursday June 21, 11am-4pm

Thursday July 12, 12-8pm

Wednesday August 22, 11am-4pm

Or gather your own team of volunteers and call us to schedule a day.

Managing Grief in the Summer Months

by Dr. Malina Spirito, Clinical Director

With every change comes some form of loss and subsequent grief; the changing of the seasons is no exception. As summer quickly approaches, grieving families are faced with yet another round of changes and the potential for resurgence in grief reactions. *What will the kids do now that school is ending? Can we still afford summer camps or the pool membership? I can't manage the family vacation to the beach without my partner! Should I try to keep the kids busy, so they don't have to think about their mom?*

These are just some of the many questions that a grieving caregiver may contemplate when faced with the upcoming summer and the reality of changing schedules and routines. Mindful planning, along with a healthy dose of self-care and patience, can lend grieving caregivers a greater sense of security and confidence as they approach the summer months. Continue reading.....[here](#)

her select, and be accepted in, the graduate program of her choice. Best of luck in Kansas, Elinor!

We will miss you all.
Thank you!

Come tour our house

This is a great way for you, or a friend, to learn more about Supporting Kidds.

Upcoming dates:

Thurs. June 21, 12pm

Thurs. July 12, 7pm

Wed. August 22, 12pm

Thurs. Sept 20, 10am

Please [RSVP](#)

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1213 Old Lancaster Pike
Hockessin, DE 19707

*Your donations help
make sure that no
child grieves alone.*

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Thanks for your interest and support,

Dr. Stephanie Traynor, PsyD, MBA, Executive Director

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