

## Supporting Kidds

The Center for Grieving  
Children and Their Families



### Thank you for your continued support!

Please come celebrate a successful year with us at our [Holiday Open House](#), this Thursday December 5th, from 6:30-8:30pm (drop in anytime).

### Many successful fall events

**Mustaches for Kidds:** 75 mustache-growers and their 700+ supporters raised over \$39,000. Thank you to our board members, growers, and supporters, as well as Kelly's Logan House for hosting us.

**Jack Daniels Paint the Statue event:** raised \$2,300. A special thank you to United Distributors.

**Be Good, Be Safe, Have Fun Run** in memory of Cathy Wheeler Hartman: Almost 300 runners and walkers participated in this fun family event and raised over \$13,000. Thank you to the Wheeler and Hartman families.

**Expressions of Grief art exhibit:** Thank you to Total Family Solutions, New Castle County Council, M&T Bank, TD Bank, and WSFS for sponsoring this powerful exhibit.

Events like these build awareness about our mission and raise funds so we can continue to offer scholarships for our services to those grieving families in need.

### Many successful fall programs

**Healing Pathways:** 26 children and 19 adults attended our 6-week support group, learning ways to cope with their grief.

**Pathways Through Life:** 16 children and 9 adults attended this new 4-week support group, especially for those who already attended Healing Pathways and desire additional support in their grief journey.

**Coping With The Holidays:** We helped 37 people re-create family holidays and traditions following the loss of their loved ones.

"Supporting Kidds has been so helpful to our family during our grieving process. The new Pathways through Life program is a good way for families to follow up and get additional support when others in their lives may have stopped being supportive or asking them how they are doing." Mother of a teenage girl.

### Special thank you to Dr. Malina Spirito

After three years with Supporting Kidds, Dr. Malina Spirito, our Clinical Director, has accepted another clinical position in Delaware. We are sad to see her go and will miss her. We wish her the best of luck and thank her for all of her hard and heartfelt work! We will be announcing our new Clinical Director shortly.

### Thank you to our program facilitators

Facilitators are those caring volunteers who help run our support groups. They take 4 weeks of training classes and then facilitate for 4-6 weeks. Once trained, they also help with our one-night programs, represent us at events and exhibits, and participate in other program activities.

Their kindness ensures the success of our programs. This year we trained 5 new facilitators for Healing Pathways and 2 new facilitators for Pathways Through Life. Each year, our programs use 30-40 facilitators. Contact us if you are interested in becoming a new facilitator in 2014.

### Thank you to our board members

Our dedicated volunteer Board of Directors are tasked with governance and fundraising. They do a wonderful job, year after year. In 2013 the following members retired from our board: Dr. Traci Bolander, Michael Kutner, Nancy Moshel, Ellen Spoehr, and Coleen Toy. We thank them for their service. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in joining our board, please contact [Dr. Traynor](#).

### The Holiday Happening!

This is an evening of light-hearted fun, especially for bereaved families, with entertainment, arts & crafts, pizza, and holiday treats.

**Wednesday, December 4th, 6:30-8pm.** It's also a chance for our facilitators and their families to spend social time with our clients and staff. Please contact us if you would like to attend (a few spaces remain), [email](#) or 302-235-5544.

### Does your employer match your gifts?

Please check with your employer's charitable giving department. Some companies will match your volunteer hours and/or your charitable donations. If so, please be sure to complete the paperwork

### You Can Help

Your donation helps ensure that no child grieves alone.

\$50 purchases supplies for a night of support groups

\$100 provides a full scholarship for a family therapy session

\$500 allows us to train 20 new volunteer facilitators

\$1,000 enables a family to receive services for a year

You can donate on our [website](#) or by mail. Make your check payable to:

Supporting Kidds  
1213 Old Lancaster Pike  
Hockessin, DE 19707

You can also donate supplies via [Amazon.com](#) [here](#)

### United Way Campaign

Please support us at work:

United Way DE #728  
SECC (DE) # 70043  
Ches. Bay CFC #69638

### Did you know?

If you are 70-1/2 years old, or older, you can make tax-free gifts from your IRA. Consult your tax advisor for details.

We are always honored to accept Estate Gifts.

### Corporate Sponsors

We now have Corporate Sponsorship Packages available. It's a great way to support us and have your business recognized at our popular events throughout the year. Levels range from \$5,000 to \$500.

Click to learn more: [sponsorship](#)

Total Family Solutions is our 2013

or online form this year. Thanks for your support!

**Grant received - thank you!**

**Wells Fargo Bank:** \$1,000 through their Community Partners Giving Program, from our local Hockessin store branch.

Thank you for your interest and support,  
Dr. Stephanie Traynor, PsyD, MBA  
Executive Director

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