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### MICHAEL'S PLACE PROGRAMS:

### SUPPORT GROUPS: EVERY MONDAY FROM 6-8 PM WITH DINNER INCLUDED

Children meet in peer groups and participate in discussions, art projects, games, and activities. Teens have a support group customized to meet their needs. Adults meet according to their loss with others who have a greater understanding of their grief journey.

### MAKE-A-MEMORY: SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 4-8 PM

Participants work with a volunteer to make special keepsake items such as teddy bears, pillows, memory books, or treasure boxes. Participants do not have to know how to sew or scrapbook.

### **ROBIN'S NEST:** MONTHLY WITH ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AS SCHEDULED

With the help of trained mentors, Robin's Nest provides best day activities and educational opportunities designed to help grieving children feel normal and bring joy to their lives.

#### SCHOOL BASED INITIATIVE:

Professional guidance is provided to schools to develop customized bereavement crisis response plans, assistance in the event of the death of a school community member, and training for staff on grief related topics.

#### **COMPASSIONATE WORKPLACE:**

Professional assistance is provided to businesses and agencies experiencing a bereavement crisis affecting their workplace, whether the death of a co-worker or employee's family member. On-site grief crisis support is provided as well as follow-up support services for individuals or groups.

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