



COVID-19 Program Update

As you are well aware, COVID-19 has turned our community, country, and world upside down. We are grieving in ways never before thought possible. We are learning more and more about the virus each day, yet it seems that we have more questions than answers.

In an effort to respond to one of the many unknowns, Annie's Hope has made the difficult, yet necessary, decision to transition all in-person programs to a virtual format for the remainder of 2020. This decision was not taken lightly. We all agree that face-to-face support is ideal, yet, for the sake of your safety and others, we feel confident that the virtual delivery will still bring the compassion, connection, care, and consistency that your family deserves.

We will continue to walk with you & your family along your grief journey to ensure that - while distanced - no child will grieve alone.

2020 Virtual Programs

All virtual programs will be delivered via Zoom. All children & families accepted for Annie's Hope programs will receive a supply kit prior to the start of a program. Annie's Hope also has a limited number of Zoom-enabled devices available for lease at no cost for the duration of a program.

Family Support Groups

Sessions of Family Support Groups will continue to meet once per week for eight consecutive weeks. Children ages 6 – 18 will meet from 5:30 – 6:30 PM, while adults will meet from 7 – 8:00 PM. Annie's Hope has two scheduled sessions of Family Support Groups for the remainder of 2020:

(Wednesdays)
September 16, 23, 30
October 7, 14, 21, 28
November 4

(Tuesdays)
October 13, 20, 27
November 3, 10, 17, 24
December 1

Applications are required. Visit www.annieshope.org/programs or email CarenF@annieshope.org for more information and to access applications.

Teen Retreats

Teen Retreats have been shifted from an overnight, weekend experience to a virtual Retreat with four scheduled meetings throughout the weekend. Teens must commit to attending all four

meetings before being accepted for the Retreat. The next Teen Retreat is Friday, October 16 – Sunday, October 18.

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Hope & Healing Gathering

The Annual Hope & Healing Gathering is an event for families to reflect, renew, and remember during the holiday season. The 22nd Annual Hope & Healing Gathering will held on Friday, December 4th. Time and details for this event are to be determined.

RSVPs are encouraged. Contact LizRA@annieshope.org for more information.

Ongoing Virtual Programs

Grief Referral Service

Annie's Hope is available to provide referrals to one-on-one counselors for children, teens, and their families. Contact LizRA@annieshope.org for more information.

Horizons - Anticipatory Grief Support

Our staff continues to provide support to families anticipatory a death due to a terminal illness or serious accident. All visits are conducted virtually. Contact LizRA@annieshope.org to learn more.

School Support & Education

Schools are invited and encouraged to contact Annie's Hope for school support – virtual groups, crisis support, and/or education. Contact KaitlynP@annieshope.org to learn more.

Speakers Institute

Annie's Hope is available to speak with any audience regarding our support for grieving kids and how kids grieve. Contact NicoleR@annieshope.org to learn more.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! Our staff is currently working from home and partly from the office, YET, OUR HEARTS AND EARS REMAIN WIDE OPEN.

Please contact us by continuing to call the office. Staff are checking messages a few times each day, Monday – Friday.

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