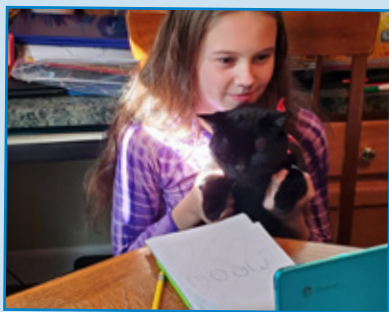


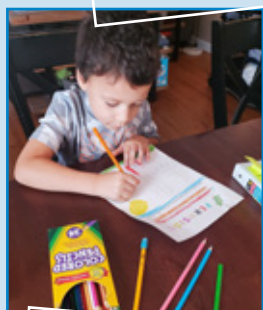
Inside Fernside

A publication for grieving children and their families



Addy & Boogie, 3rd-5th grade Zoom Group

"I can be in the comfort of my own bunk bed with all my stuffed animals."
~ 8-yr old group member



Damien, Pre-2nd grade Zoom Group

"We can be home and use blankets, and pet cats and dogs and have cookies and your own dinner."
~ 8-yr old group member

Virtual Luminary Ceremony



It's a Whole Zoom World *Fernside's Evening Program Goes Virtual*

Last September we made the decision to host groups in our Evening Program virtually in order to keep our volunteers and families safe. We are happy to report that we've experienced great success and attendance is growing each month. We will continue this format for the remainder of our program year in June.

The children and teens are meeting by grade instead of by their group night location. An unexpected advantage to this is that the virtual format allows kids who might not otherwise have met at Fernside, to get to know each other. Our groups for parents and guardians meet by type of loss. All groups meet twice monthly, so we have groups going on almost every weeknight of the month!

Thank you to our virtual volunteers for venturing into this new Zoom world with us and especially to our families who are, despite virtual fatigue, making it work!

While we can't wait to be back together in person soon, we are so thankful and gratified that we've been able to continue our services for those who need us.

"I have loved being able to connect with families and children virtually! I believe it provides a unique context where the children can contribute in ways that are not possible in person. For example, I love being able to see the children's pets, pictures of loved ones and special items that help them remember their person who died."

~ Julia Villarreal,
Pre-2nd grade Facilitator



In addition to our School Program's in-person grief groups, we are also offering virtual grief groups to students learning at home or at school. If you're interested in learning more, give us a call.

Program News

Fernside's Socially Distanced & Safe Summer Camp!

We are happy to share that we were able to host a scaled-down version of our annual summer camp last July. The Greater Cincinnati community was doing well with COVID cases at the time, so we were able to move ahead with a one-day only camp experience. A big thank you to Nora Chavez and Monica McPeck from TriHealth Risk Management for their support and guidance in helping us create a safe and fun camp experience.

"My child had a great camp experience. She talked about it the whole way home. Being able to spend time with other children who have experienced a similar loss was helpful for her, because she knows that she isn't alone. It was also so helpful to have fun and do kid stuff with other kids. She enjoyed the time with other kids, especially since we've been so isolated recently due to COVID."



A scene from summer camp 2020

Tentative 2021 Summer Camp & Teen Retreat: Summer Olympics...Teaming Up to Cope with Grief. Two of our camp programs are "teaming up" to provide the best camp experience possible. Children ages 7-12 and 13-18 can participate in our combined day camp tentatively scheduled for July 24th, 2021. Please call for more information.

Reaching Out Remotely Outreach Adapts to Virtual Presentations

Our Community Outreach & Education Program showed us that we can adapt easily in a virtual world. Over the past year, we've been able to offer several virtual educational grief presentations to many audiences. We still love connecting in person and have adapted doing so safely.



Mercy McAuley High School
Service Learning Day

Highlights for Children

Who doesn't remember Highlights magazine? Hidden Pictures, Crafts, Goofus & Gallant and the What's Wrong? section on the back cover. Those pages are some of the best! Fernside was contacted by Patty Courtright, Reader-Mail Specialist, to review and offer input on a grief-related question from one of their readers. She was directed to us by Jamie Bryant, Highlights Vice President, who says, "Fernside has been serving grieving children for nearly 35 years and is an affiliate of Hospice Cincinnati. It could be good for us to have the insights from people doing this work every day."



Volunteer News

National Volunteer Week April 18-24, 2021

Our Reach is Long to Celebrate Volunteers

In a time when we've all needed help more than ever, we want to recognize our amazing volunteers for sticking with us this group year. And not just this past year, but for many years as you can see below! Thank You!

28 Years

Kathleen Cepela

26 Years

Ted Ackerman

Megan Holtz

Sean Jameson

25 Years

Jenny Perry

23 Years

Patricia Hirsch

Kathy Stidham

21 Years

Kathy Haubrich

20 Years

Matt Fenik

19 Years

Linda Hill

Amanda Lykins

18 Years

Stacey Meyer

Ann Speed

17 Years

Debi Varland

16 Years

Carolyn Donovan

Cindy Stiens

15 Years

Jillian Bennett

Bob Bonnici

Paul Davis

Glenda Schorr

14 Years

Phyllis Overmann

Kim Stonecipher

13 Years

Bryan Devine

Charlene Miller

Larry Renner

Betsy Sundermann

12 Years

Kelley Brinkman

Cassie Dunn

Diane Lux

Dan Meyer

Teresa O'Quinn

Crystal Paul

Chris Venneman

11 Years

Wendy Boyd

Joy Croy

Kim Fultz

Chrissy Hurst

Todd Mack

Dan Simonson

Tracy Spiess

10 Years

Brad Cutter

Janine Melink-Hueber

Terri Meyer

Pam Myers

Nicci Stemler

Tyra Warner

9 Years

John Berrens

Susan Conrad

John Eckles

MaryAnn Jackson

Tony Martino

Judy McAuliffe

Sharon Natarus

Sue Rice

8 Years

Ashley Biondo

Barb Griffin

Cindy Hayden

Michelle Kerr

Linda Littman

John Martinson

Tom Miele

Rachel Mousie

Patty Nagelkirk

Hazel Ross

Anne Roth

Dan Scheiman

Keara Sherman

Cindy Withrow

7 Years

Helene Berger

Bonnie Blanck

Maddy Brewer

Marci Campbell

Arin Gile

Cindy Meyer

Brigid Niesel

Elaine Parulis-Wright

Daniel Whitford

Dani Willetts

6 Years

Kim Adkins

Rosa Baker

Carrie Brown

Krista Couch

Logan Davis

Caroline Haynes

Kim Kirkman

Cassidy Lekan

Annie Louie

Gloria Peerless

Sarah Sherman

Maggie Shiekh

Amy Smith

Mary Kate Vanderglas



Fernside's Drive-By Volunteer Appreciation Station.

On left – Dan Meyer & Kim Adkins; at right – Robby & Tony Martini.

5 Years

Cathy Bowers
Beth Celenza
Blake Dowlin
Kara Echternacht
Jennifer Garrett
Eli Hart
Donna Heldman
Jackie Lombardi
Robby Martini
Olivia Matthews
Brittany Tackett
Kevin Vance
Kristin Westerfield
Nick Whitney

4 Years

Jean Barker
Kris Carnevale
Peg Conway
Kris Cormany
Allison Donham
Jennifer Freese
Keegan Graham
Maggie Kotzeva
Andrea Mudd
Kayla Nare
Kathleen Reinmann
Ann Sullivan
Rita Thornton
Kelsey Zimmerman

3 Years

Sarah Bohlman
Anthony Borzi
April Cain
Josie Campinha-Bacote
Jess DeLisio
Yasmine El-Badewi
Candi Fern
Charlene Glassman
Erica Hescamp
Dave Johnson
Lauren Jones
Barb Juengling
Americus Land
Sharon Laughlin
Brian Meyers
Hannah Mu
Sydney Risley
Julie Rubin
Megan Schweitzer
Graham Scott
Joel Steinkoenig
Autumn Taylor
Kim Taylor
Adrienne Victory
Beth Welch

2 Years

Jordan Baker
Toni Beischel
Jennifer Benton
Heidi Bothe
Holly Campbell
Jenni Chinn
Donna Danoff
Stephanie Duriez
Sophie Garrett
Malone Graham
Jenna Harris
Robin Huller
Marty Johnson
Jalen Johnson
Elaine Kerr
Kelly King-Schlegel
Nicole LaPlena
Tony Martini
Jean McCoy
Dave Merry
Martha Merry
Yoko Nomura
Elise Pettis
Jon Roberto

Lori Roberto
Megan Salisbury
Jackie Smith
Valerie Theile
Vickie Valentine
Sarah Watson
Michelle Wurschmidt
Eileen Yeoh

1 Year

Annie Berling
Craig Bishop
Eden DeAtaley
Ellie Fitzgerald
Alayna Hatfield
Deidre Kegley
Kaelynn Knestrick
Lindsay Levental
Brianna Maggard
Ozella McClendon
Toree Mohr
Sydni Mophew
Emily Naber
Stephanie Saxton
Jenny Stringer
Rylee Tenhundfeld
Bridget Tenhundfeld-
McMichael
Julia Villarreal

Congrats!



Jenny Perry

Development News

Donors Deliver from a Distance

Sweet Holiday Treats for Our Families

Thank you to the Cincinnati Woman's Club for putting together 94 cookie jars, complete with all the dry ingredients for a sweet treat. We scheduled a drive-by pick-up for families to receive their jars during December to give families a nice activity to do together over winter break.



Jill Haft, Cincinnati Woman's Club



Pictured L-R: Stevie Morehouse, Kathie Bunch, Erin Keefe & Devin Burgess

Beckfield College Raises Funds & Awareness

A four-person student group from Beckfield College chose to focus on Fernside for their Leadership Project. Their goal was simple... increase awareness and hopefully some much-needed funds to support Fernside's free services. The students set up a GoFundMe page that they shared via Facebook and with family & friends. This one-month, on-line event raised over \$1,200 for Fernside!

Ikea Becomes a Community Partner

Thanks to Ikea for their donation of expressive arts supplies! Communications and Events Specialist, Kristi Mendenhall, said they chose Fernside because, "It is certain your services make a difference! Hopefully this can be the beginning of a long-term partnership!" We couldn't agree more!



Join us for the 2021 Fernside Classic

Fernside's annual event weekend is coming up soon! The 2021 Fernside Classic will kick off with a virtual "Pizza & Wine" event on Friday, May 14th, complete with pizza for two, two bottles of wine and a virtual wine-tasting by sommelier, Mary Horn. Guests will also receive a "First Look" card to preview the weekend's silent auction and supplies for an expressive arts activity that will close out the night.

The event continues with a silent auction that will run over Saturday and Sunday, May 15th & 16th. The grand finale will be held for golfers on Monday, May 17th at Shaker Run Golf Course for a beautiful day of golf complete with lunch provided by The HoneyBaked Ham Company and Skyline, and a Maggiano's boxed dinner for two to-go! For more information on sponsorships, tickets and silent auction donations, contact Jen Beck at The Bethesda Foundation at (513) 865-1652.



We are very glad to get corrections.

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Hope in Every Cup

*Rooted Grounds creates specialty
blend for Fernside*

A piping hot thanks to Kris Chari, Executive Vice President and David Knopf, President and everyone at Rooted Grounds for creating a specialty coffee blend just for Fernside! Fernside and Bethesda Foundation Team Members participated in a special tasting and selected a blend that is now available for purchase at Amazon-Fernside Roast.



**Fernside & The
Bethesda Foundation
Team Member Tasting**

