



*A Healing Center for Grieving Children & Teens*

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### **Ele's Place Names New Managing Director**

Kathleen Cramer has been named the new Managing Director of Ele's Place, a healing center for grieving children and teens. Cramer will oversee the Ann Arbor branch of Ele's Place, which has two other branches in Lansing and Grand Rapids.

A Michigan native and former resident of Ann Arbor, Cramer recently moved back to Michigan from San Diego to be closer to family. She has extensive nonprofit experience, most recently at United Way of San Diego County, and formerly at American Red Cross in Everett, Washington and the American Heart Association in Ann Arbor.

Cramer's own family history of loss inspired her to apply for the position. "My siblings' grief manifested itself in eating disorders, drugs and alcohol abuse, and criminal behavior," said Cramer. "They are finally doing well now, but I can only imagine how different their lives would have been if my family had Ele's Place. When I accepted this position, I became a crusader for all grieving children. No child should have to needlessly suffer like my brothers and sister."

Ele's Place, a community based nonprofit, is dedicated to creating awareness of and support for grieving children, teens and their families. Through peer support groups, Ele's Place helps children learn how to cope with the death of a parent, sibling or other loved one. Each week more than 100 grieving children, teens and their families attend peer support programs at no cost. Ele's Place also provides support groups in schools and serves as a resource and referral agency for anyone who wants to help a grieving child. For more information, visit [www.elesplace.org](http://www.elesplace.org).

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