



A Healing Center for Grieving Children & Teens

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Ele's Place Names Managing Director

Lori Bosch has been promoted to the new position of Managing Director of Ele's Place, a healing center for grieving children and teens. Bosch will manage the Lansing branch of Ele's Place, after serving as Director of Development for the last 14 years. Laurie Strauss Baumer, President & CEO, will continue to oversee the organization's three branch locations.

Ele's Place opened a second branch in Ann Arbor in 2007, and launched a third branch in Grand Rapids in June 2013. Due to such growth and Ele's Place's statewide vision, the Governing Board determined the need for a managing director for the Lansing branch operations, reflecting the organizational structure of their two other branches.



Bosch was drawn to Ele's Place because of her childhood grief after the death of her brother. "When I was 10, my older brother was diagnosed with Melanoma and he died when I was 15," said Bosch. "There was no Ele's Place and nowhere for our family to share their grief—so we held it inside. Childhood is precious and children who have experienced the death of a loved one deserve a comforting place to heal and the opportunity for a happy, healthy childhood."

Kristine Kuhnert was recently hired to succeed Bosch as Director of Development for the Lansing branch.

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 200 grieving children and teens plus their parents or guardians attend onsite peer support programs at no cost. Ele's Place also provides support groups in 16 area 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.

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