

Impact Report

2019

Grief Does Not Wait

1 in 12 Children in Michigan Need Our Services



YOU Make A Difference



Over the past year, Ele's Place Ann Arbor experienced a great deal of excitement and change. It is an honor to share our 2019 achievements with YOU – our supportive donors, dedicated partners and committed volunteers, staff and community board members. We are incredibly grateful for the compassion and generosity of so many in our community.

TOGETHER, we accomplished the following during 2019:

- ♥ We completed our capital campaign and EXCEEDED our fundraising goal successfully raising \$7.8 million dollars making the dream of providing a healing center for grieving children, teens and their families a reality!
- ♥ We moved into our beautiful permanent home, increasing our accessibility and inclusivity, and providing a welcoming, confidential space for grieving children and teens to heal.
- ♥ We served a total of 1,820 individuals, a 14% increase over 2018.
- ♥ We provided 796 clinical consultations to families beginning their grief process.
- ♥ Our off-site peer school-based programming, Ele's Group, continued to grow and expand. We provided 25 eight-week groups in 21 partnering schools, serving 224 students, a 24% increase over 2018.
- ♥ We introduced a 4th night of programming, allowing us to reduce the wait time for pending families, and serve MORE grieving children, teens and their families.

The need for peer grief support will never go away. In 2019, Michigan ranked 14th in terms of highest RISK for childhood bereavement in the U.S., and 1 in 12 children in Michigan will experience the death of a parent or sibling by the age of 18. The life-long impact we can have on a young person who is grieving is truly limitless. Ele's Place Ann Arbor provides our children and teens with a confidential safe place to share their feelings and memories with peers. We help provide them with the coping skills they need to navigate their grief journey, and discover the strength and courage they possess to be the hero of their own story.

Our community is so fortunate to have an Ele's Place Ann Arbor and WE are so fortunate to have YOU. On behalf of the entire Ele's Place Ann Arbor team and community board, we thank YOU!

Thank YOU for your kindness and the many ways you chose to be supportive to those who are grieving.

Thank YOU to those who made multi-year commitments and for being cape-less HEROES for grieving children and teens.

Thank YOU for understanding the importance of the critical work we do and lasting effects it can have on a young person's life.

Thank YOU for being an Ambassador for Ele's Place Ann Arbor and introducing us to others. Together we are changing and saving lives, and providing opportunities and hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Grief does not stop, and Ele's Place Ann Arbor is not stopping! Take care. Be safe. Be well.

With gratitude,

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Interim Director
Ele's Place Ann Arbor

Attending On-Site Peer-to-Peer Bereavement Support Programming



291 Children



157 Adults



Cost to Families

"Learning to talk about my person who died is the most helpful thing, and knowing that I am not the only one struggling with a death. Talking about the death here at Ele's Place helps make it easier to talk about it in life."

-An Ele's Place Ann Arbor teen participant



25 School Groups

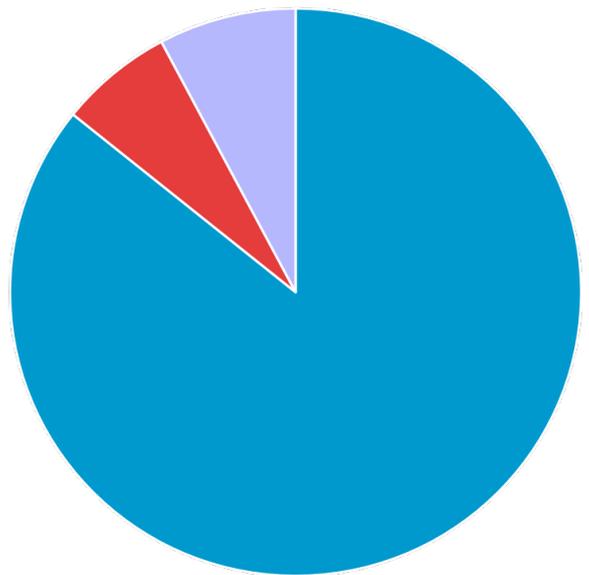
224 Students



449 Phone Consultations

347 In Person Consultations

Functional Expenses



- Program: 80.31%
- Management: 6.3%
- Fundraising: 13.39%



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