



A Healing Center for Grieving Children & Teens

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Ele's Place Seeking Volunteer Facilitators; March 12

Grand Rapids, MI – Ele's Place, a 21-year-old healing center for grieving children and teens in Lansing and Ann Arbor, will **open a center in Grand Rapids** this spring and is seeking caring adults to volunteer as facilitators with its children's support groups. People of diverse ethnicities, males, and bilingual individuals are particularly encouraged to apply; however, any interested adult is welcome to submit a volunteer application for this rewarding opportunity.

"As Ele's Place begins to grow, the need for volunteers from all walks of life also grows," said Ele's Place – Grand Rapids Managing Director, Gerilyn May. "Volunteer facilitators may witness children finding hope in the midst of tremendous loss and grief. It is an extraordinary gift to be a part of something so special."

The children and teens who will participate in the support groups range in age from 3 – 18. They will come from a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds and circumstances, but will all be grieving the death of a family member or friend.

To become an Ele's Place support group facilitator, individuals are required to complete a 23-hour training program and make a one-year commitment to work with their assigned group. Volunteer applications should be submitted **by Tuesday, March 12** to be considered for participation in the upcoming spring training. To complete a volunteer application, please visit www.elesplace.org.

Third Reformed Church on Michigan Street will host Ele's Place programming and offices. For more information about Ele's Place support group programs, staff positions and volunteering, contact Gerilyn May at gmay@elesplace.org or (616) 301-1605, or visit www.elesplace.org.

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