



A healing center for grieving children

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### **Ele's Place Receives Two Grants from Capital Region Community Foundation**

Ele's Place, a healing center for grieving children, has received two grants from the Capital Region Community Foundation. The grants total \$10,206 and will provide critical support to raise awareness of their Together Learning to Cope program.

The **Ele's Place Together Learning to Cope (TLC)** program supports children and their parents/guardians coping with a family member's life-threatening illness. When a family member is diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, children experience dramatic changes in their lives and often find themselves coping alone with feelings of worry, guilt, anger and loss. Ele's Place offers peer support groups for these children as well as support groups for their care-giving parents or guardians and for the ill adult in the family. The Capital Region Community Foundation grant will provide funding for educational outreach to inform families of the TLC program and will help underwrite program expenses so that an additional 20 children can participate.

"We truly appreciate the generosity of the Capital Region Community Foundation and their willingness to help educate the community about our TLC program," said **Ele's Place President & CEO Laurie Baumer**. "We know there are hundreds of Mid-Michigan families facing a life-threatening illness who are unaware of the support services that Ele's Place can provide their children."

Founded in 1991, Ele's Place provides grief support to children and families who have experienced the death or life-threatening illness of a loved one. Each week, approximately 350 grieving children plus their family members join peer support groups in both Lansing and Ann Arbor locations. In addition, Ele's Place serves as a resource and referral agency for people who come in contact with grieving families. All services are provided free of charge. For more information, call 517-482-1315, visit [www.elesplace.org](http://www.elesplace.org)

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