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## **Wear Blue on “Children's Grief Awareness Day,” Thursday, November 21**

Michigan — Ele’s Place, a Michigan healing center for grieving children and teens, encourages schools and communities to wear blue on national “Children's Grief Awareness Day,” Thursday, November 21. This annual event creates awareness of and support for grieving children.

"Grieving children often feel alone, as if no one understands how they feel," said Ele’s Place President and CEO Laurie Baumer. “Grieving children need support. Children's Grief Awareness Day is an opportunity for all of us to let grieving children know that we care and that they are not alone."

Ele’s Place recognizes that children’s grief is unique, and that unaddressed grief can have a long term negative impact on children’s health and well-being.

Ele’s Place provides peer support groups programs for grieving children, teens and families at their Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, and Lansing locations.

In addition, educational presentations and resources are available for schools and other professionals in the community who work with children. All Ele’s Place programs and services are all offered at no cost.

Parents and educators who care about grieving children are encouraged to visit the Ele’s Place website [www.elesplace.org](http://www.elesplace.org) for tips and additional resources.

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**Media Invitation: interviews with grieving children or Professional Clinical Staff  
are available for interviews at all locations.  
(Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids and Lansing)**

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