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### **JOE D. PENTECOST FOUNDATION AWARDS \$5,000 TO ELE'S PLACE**

**Lansing, MI** – The Joe D. Pentecost Foundation recently announced that Ele's Place is the recipient of a \$5,000 grant to provide support for up to 10 grieving children in an early elementary support group for one year. This is the second consecutive year the foundation has awarded Ele's Place with this specific grant.

“Grieving families are often struggling financially after a death,” said **Ele's Place President and CEO Laurie Baumer**. “This grant from the Joe D. Pentecost Foundation is significant because it helps to ensure that our programs remain free of charge to families. Cost should never be a barrier to children needing support.”

#### **About Ele's Place**

Founded in 1991 in Lansing, Ele's Place is a community based nonprofit that supports over 200 children plus their family members each week at no cost to participants. Support groups are offered for children and teens who are grieving the death of a parent, sibling or other loved one. Ele's Place also provides support groups in schools and serves as a resource and referral agency for anyone who wants to help a grieving child. For more information, contact Ele's Place at (517) 482-1315, or visit [www.elesplace.org](http://www.elesplace.org).

#### **About Joe D. Pentecost Foundation**

Established in 2002, the Joe D. Pentecost Foundation's mission is to support and enrich the educational, social and economic life of the Greater Lansing Area. The foundation awards grants to qualified nonprofit organizations with specific and identifiable need in areas of support including, higher education, alcohol and drug abuse programs and the improvement of educational services to children in the area. For more information, contact the Joe D. Pentecost Foundation at (517) 336-5000, or visit [www.jdpfoundation.org](http://www.jdpfoundation.org).

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