

Children come to The WARM Place feeling they are the only ones who have experienced a death loss. They meet with other children who have had a similar loss and are able to share their stories in a nurturing environment. The more they verbalize their feelings and hear the other children's stories, they are better able to process the death loss not only in their heads but also in their hearts, and that is how the healing begins.

-Shirley Bowen, Executive Director

The mission of The WARM (What About Remembering Me) Place is to provide year-round grief support services to children ages 3 1/2 to 18 and their families as well as young adults ages 19 to 25 who have experienced the death of a mother, father, sister, brother, or other loved one.

Founded in 1989, The WARM Place has expanded its services and companioned over 30,000 children and their families on their grief journeys.



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Welcome to Our Program

Grief support groups at The WARM Place are designed for children and their families who have experienced the death of a loved one and offered at **no charge** to the families. In this safe and nurturing environment with trained volunteers and other grieving families, children are able to express their difficult feelings of grief. They learn that they are not alone. Healing begins. They find hope.

Families are welcome to call The WARM Place to schedule an intake appointment anytime following a death loss. Intake appointments are scheduled Monday thru Friday between 9 am and 2 pm.

All grief support groups are offered at no charge to our families through the generous support of our local community. Groups are led by trained volunteer facilitators and monitored by a WARM Place counselor. Without the commitment from our volunteers, it would be impossible to run our Grief Support Program.



Grief Support Groups

Evening Groups

Evening Groups are for children, ages 5 to 18, and their families. Each night begins with a pot-luck dinner and conversation then everyone breaks into small groups divided by grade levels. Each night of the week is designated for a different type of death loss: Parent, Sibling, or Grandparent/Other family member/Friend. These groups are ongoing and meet every other week in the evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Families may participate for as long as they feel it is helpful.

Preschool Group

Preschool Group is designed for children, ages 3 1/2 to 5, who have experienced the death of a loved one. Children attend weekly for eight sessions in the spring and fall with a parent or guardian. Meetings are held during the day for one hour.

Young Adult Group

Young Adult Group is for men and women, ages 19 to 25, who have experienced the death of a loved one. Young Adults meet in the evenings weekly for eight sessions in the spring and fall and six sessions in the summer.

Questions? Call us at 817-870-2272

Ways to Get Involved

YOU can truly impact the life of a grieving child at The WARM Place! Here's how **YOU** can help support families on their grief journey:

Become a Group Facilitator

Group facilitators provide a safe, caring environment for children, preteens, teens, young adults and adults grieving the death of a loved one. Each facilitator completes a minimum of 20 hours of training in order to work with children under the direction of a counselor. Training sessions are offered twice a year in September and February. Volunteer facilitators commit to one year of service and are at least 18-years-old.

Become a Houseparent

Evening groups begin with a shared meal. Volunteer Houseparents greet families, set up the pot-luck meal, and clean the kitchen following dinner. Houseparents must be at least 18-years-old unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Support our Program

With your investment in our mission, you help ensure no child in our community will grieve alone!

- Make a General Gift
- Make a Gift in Honor/Memory of a Loved One
- Purchase a Plaque on our Wall of Memories
- Sponsor a WARM Place event
- Make A Planned Gift
- Purchase Items from our Wish List found online

Host a Fundraiser

You can help us by hosting an event and giving The WARM Place the proceeds! Or, if you are currently involved with another event, recommend The WARM Place as the beneficiary!

- Wish List Drive
- Car Wash
- Jeans Day at Work
- Bake Sale
- Fun Run
- Golf Tournament

"And that is the miraculous thing about The WARM Place...if you trust in the process, you end up right where you are supposed to be." - WARM Place Alum

Normal Childhood Reactions to Grief

Lower grades, aggressive behavior, fears, sleeplessness, nightmares, mood swings, headaches, withdrawal, anxiety, crying, stomachaches, fatigue, and regressive behavior.

Ways to Help a Grieving Child

Allow expression of all feelings. Help the child share memories. Be honest and specific when telling the child about the death. Realize grief is an ongoing process with no easy answers. Recognize that laughter and play do not mean the child is not grieving. Allow the child to ask questions. Listen.

