

Support Groups

The following national support groups are available to people who may be struggling with loss or other hardships. Your funeral director can offer additional information at your request.

The following grief counseling and support groups are available in our region. These organizations offer help to people who have experienced loss through death. Your funeral director can offer additional information at your request.

Cornerstone of Hope

Offering grief support for groups or individuals, children, teens, and adults.

www.cornerstoneofhope.org under grief support.

Catholic Cemeteries Association

Diocese of Cleveland

P.O. Box 605310, 10000 Miles Ave.

Cleveland, OH 44105

216-641-7575

<http://www.clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org/bereavement.html>

Support group held on the third Sunday of each month from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- Calvary Cemetery; 555 North Ridge Road; Lorain, OH
- Holy Cross Cemetery; 14609 Brookpark Road; Brookpark, OH
- Holy Cross Cemetery; 100 East Waterloo Road; Akron, OH
- All Souls Cemetery; 10366 Chardon Road, Route 6; Chardon, OH
- All Saints Cemetery; 480 W. Highland Road; Northfield, OH

Heartland Hospice

4807 Rockside Rd., Suite 610

Independence, OH 44131

216-901-1464

Contact: Teresa Balasz

Call for program details. Times and locations vary.

Hillcrest Hospital

6780 Mayfield Rd.

Mayfield Hts., OH 44124

440-312-3739 Call for details.

Hospice of The Cleveland Clinic

6801 Brecksville Rd. Suite 10

Independence, OH 44131

http://my.clevelandclinic.org/patients/support/support_bereavement.aspx

Six-week groups open to the community offered in Spring, Summer, and Fall in east, west, and central regions.

Monthly walk-in bereavement group at the Wellness Center in Fairview Park on the second Thursday of each month from 11 :30 a.m. - 1 :00 p.m.

Hospice of Visiting Nurse Service

3358 Ridgewood Rd.

Akron, OH 44333

800-335-1455 ext. 4662 or 330-668-4662

<http://www.vnsa.com/>

Program times and locations vary. Call for details.

Hospice of the Western Reserve The Bereavement Center

19201 Villaview Rd.

Cleveland, OH 44119

Contact: Mary Trivisonno 216-486-6838

<http://www.hospicewr.org/>

Offered at various locations throughout the greater Cleveland area. Call for locations and times. Open to the community. Registration required.

Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center

10000 Brecksville Rd.

Brecksville, OH 44141

Contact: Donna Marie F. Kaminsky, MA 440-526-3030 ext. 7078

* <http://www.cleveland.med.va.gov>

Sharing Hope: A Journey through Grief towards Healing, nondenominational spiritually-based bereavement support group to help veterans and families of veterans to cope with the recent death of a loved one. Groups are held at both the Brecksville Medical Center and the Wade Park Medical Center. No fees. Please call for a schedule of days and times. Pre-registration is requested. All are welcome!

** To access web site, go under Services, then link to Pastoral Care and then link to Bereavement Support Groups

Marymount Hospital

12300 McCracken Rd.

Garfield Heights, OH 44125

contact: Sister Betty Gulick 216-587-8141 to register.

Spring and fall 5 session programs offered. Conference room of hospital. 6:30 - 8:00 PM

www.marymount.org

Robinson Memorial Hospital Visiting Nurse and Hospice

6847 N. Chestnut St.

P.O. Box 1204

Ravenna, OH 44266

Contact: 330-297-8899

www.robinsonmemorial.org

Journeys of life Thirteen month program for all Hospice families after the loss of a loved one.

Grief's Journey, is a six-week group to support and educate anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Offered four times per year.

Understanding Grief, is a one session grief education class designed for anyone who wants to learn more about grief and its impact on the griever.

Gentle Journeys is a one-day retreat for women who have had a significant loss of a loved one.

St. Monica Church

13623 Rockside Road

Garfield Hts., OH 44125

Contact: 216-662-8685

Offers grief support for men and women. Group meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Meet in bottom floor parish office.

www.saintmonicachurch.net

Summa Health System

P.O. Box 2090

Akron, OH 44309-2090

Contact: Lori Flesher (Hospice of Summa) at 330-379-5905 for details

www.summahealth.org

Visiting Nurse Association of Cleveland Hospice

2500 E. 22nd St.

Cleveland, OH 44115

Contact: 216-931-1327 for information.

Programs start throughout the year.

AARP*

Grief and Loss Programs
601 E. Street, NW
Washington, DC 20049

Air Crash Support Network

1595 York Ave., Box 22
New York, NY 10028
(877) ACSN-HELP

Alive Alone

11115 Dull Robinson Road
Van Wert, OH 45891

Alliance of Grandparents

PO Box 17281
Phoenix, AZ 85011-0281
(888) 774-7437

ALS Association*

27001 Agoura Road
Calabasas, CA 91301
(818) 880-9007

Alzheimer's Association*

919 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1000
Chicago, IL 60611
(312) 335-8700

American Association of Suicidology

4201 Connecticut Ave., NW
Suite 310
Washington, DC 20049

American Cancer Society*

1599 Clifton Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329
(800) ACS-2345

American Diabetes Association Research Foundation*

1701 North Beauregard Street
Alexandria, VA 22311

American Foundation for AIDS

Research*
120 Wall St.
New York, NY 10005
(212) 682-7440 ext. 210

American Heart Association*

7320 Greenville Ave.
Dallas, TX 75231
527-6941

American Hospice Foundation

In Loving Memory*

1416 Green Run Lane
Reston, VA 20090
(703) 435-0608
(Dedicated to helping parents cope with the loss of their only child or all of their children.)

Leukemia Society of America*

600 Third Ave.
New York, NY 10016
(703) 960-1100

The Living Bank

Organ and Tissue Donation
Box 6725
Houston, TX 77265
(800) 528-2971

Make-A-Wish Foundation Of America*

100 Charendon Ave., Suite 2200
Phoenix, AZ 85013
(602) 279-9474

March of Dimes Birth Defects Association*

1275 Mamaroneck Ave.
White Plains, NY 10605
(800) 453-3816

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Victim Assistance Program
511 E John Carpenter Freeway
Suite 700
Irving, TX 75062
(800) GET-MADD

Muscular Dystrophy Association*

3300 E. Sunrise Dr.
Tucson, AZ 85718
(520) 529-2000

National AIDS Fund

1400 "I" St., NW, Suite 1220
Washington, DC 20005-2208
(202) 408-4848

National Catholic Ministry

28700 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44092-2527
(440) 943-3480

National Donor Family Council

C/o National Kidney Foundation
30 East 33rd St.
New York, NY 10016

1130 Connecticut, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 223-0204
E-mail:ahf@msn.com

American Kidney Fund*

6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010
Rockville, MD 20852
(800) 638-8299

American Liver Foundation

1425 Pomptom Ave.
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009-1000
(800) 233-0179

American Lung Association*

1740 Broadway
New York, NY 10019
(800) LUNG-USA

American SIDS Institute*

2480 Windy Hill Rd. Suite 380
Marietta, GA 30067
(800) 232-SIDS

Association for Death Education and Counseling

342 Main St.
West Hartford, CT 06117-2507
(860) 586-7503

Backstoppers

9811 South Forty Drive Suite 3
St. Louis, MO 63124
314-692-0200

Bereaved Parents of the USA

P.O. Box 95
Park Forest, IL 60466
(630) 971-3490

Bereavement Services/RTS
Gunderson Lutheran Medical Center
1910 South Ave.
La Crosse, WI 54601
(608) 791-4747 or
(800) 362-9567 Ext. 4747

Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation*

3910 Warner St.
Kensington, MO 20895
(800) 366-2223
(301) 962-3521

Center for Loss in Multiple Birth

(CLIMB) Inc.*
P.O. Box 91377
Anchorage, AK 99509
(907) 222-5321

The Compassionate Friends*

(800) 622-9010
(212) 889-2210
(For Families of those who died and became
Organ and/or tissue donors.)

National Hospice Organization*

1901 N. Moore St., Suite 901
Arlington, VA 22209
(703) 243-5900
(800) 658-8898

Parents of Murdered Children Inc.

(POMC)
100 E. Eighth St., B41
Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 721-5683
(888) 818-POMC

Pen-Parents Inc.
PO Box 8738
Reno, NV 89507
(702) 826-7332
(Support network designed for grieving
parents
and grandparents providing a pen-pal type
service.)

Ray of Hope
PO Box 2323
Iowa City, IA 52244
(319) 337-9890
(For survivors of those who died from
suicide.)

Salvation Army National Headquarters*

615 Slaters Ln.
PO Box 269
Alexandria, VA 22313
(703) 684-5500

SHARE Pregnancy & Infant Loss

Support Inc.
St. Joseph's Health Center
300 1st Capitol Dr.
St. Charles, MO 63001
(800) 821-6819 (For families who have
experienced the death
of a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or
neonatal death.)

SIDS Alliance*

1314 Bedford Ave., Suite 210
Baltimore, MD 21208
(800) 221-7437
(410) 653-8226

Society of Military Widows

5535 Hempstead Way
Springfield, VA 22151
(703) 750-1342

P.O. Box 3696
Oak Brook, IL 60522-3696
(630) 990-0010
(Supports families who have experienced
the death of a child)

Concerns of Police Survivors

P.O. Box 3199, So. Highway 5
Camdenton, MO 65020
(314) 346-4911

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation*

6931 Arlington Road
Bethesda, MD 20014
(800) 344-4823

Funeral Service Educational Foundation

13625 Bishop's Drive
Brookfield, WI 53005
(877) 402-5900

Grief Magazine

1941 Bishop Lane, Suite 202
Louisville, KY 40219-1927
(800) 346-3087

GROWW.org*

Hospice Foundation of America

2001 S Street, NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20009
(800) 854-3402

THEOS Foundation, Inc.
322 Blvd. Of the Allies
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
(412) 471-7779

TBI/Tissue Banks International*

815 Parks Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21201
(800) 756-4824

**Tragedy Assistance Program for
Survivors Inc. (TAPS)**

2001 S Street, NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20036
(800) 959-TAPS
(202) 588-8277

United Cerebral Palsy

Association*
1660 L St. NW
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 776-0406
(800) USA-5UCP

Wings of Lights Inc.

16845 N. 29th Ave., Ste 1
Phoenix, AZ 85053
(800) 613-8531
(Support and information network for aircraft
accident survivors and others
directly affected by aviation accidents.)

* Denotes a national charitable organization