

## Testimonials

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...any child that is old enough to love is old enough to mourn. And, we know that if children mourn well, they go on to live well and love well. Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt. Author, Founder and Director, Center for Loss and Life Transition

I like coming here because you can talk and no one is going to tell you what to say. -Taylor

Children are our best teachers if we allow them to be. -Parent



Families are offered support, understanding, empathy and education in a safe environment that is conducive to acceptance, respect, trust and care throughout the grief healing process.



My Good Mourning Place

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## A Bereavement Center

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*Where healthy  
expression heals  
the deepest and  
most invisible  
wounds*



## Our Mission

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**My Good Mourning Place** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting children and their families who have experienced grief due to the loss of a loved one through death. Our services are volunteer-based and free to the families we serve.

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Before they graduate from high school, one child out of every 20 children will have a parent die—and that number doesn't include those who experience the death of a brother or sister, a close grandparent, an aunt or uncle, or friend. (Child Trends, Feb. 2018)

**The My Good Mourning Place** community of adults shows their support for grieving children and what they might be going through. Children's struggles are often invisible to those around them. These children need advocates, letting them know that the death of someone close is the beginning of many weeks, months and years of finding ways to go on without that special person in their lives.

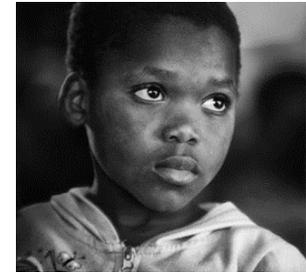


Children who have had someone die—especially a close family member—can feel the loss forever. They eventually go back to school. They certainly look "normal." And yet there's still that hole inside. Grieving children often feel set apart, different from their peers, alone and not understood.

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Three percent of children in Wisconsin experience the death of a loved one. (Child Trends, Feb. 2018) That is over 4,700 children under 18 in the city of Milwaukee. (based on 2010 Census Report) These children can be helped to not feel so alone.

**My Good Mourning Place** is based on the successful Dougy Center model that is used in over 130 children's bereavement centers in the US and throughout the world.



This model's success is due to the combining of efforts from volunteers and professionals to provide group interventions for bereaved children, teens, and their adult caretakers.

Our weekly program engages children and teens in activities that are structured around play, music, drama, and art.

