We’ll be there for you
When the rain starts to pour
We’ll be there for you
Like we’ve been there before
We’ll be there for you
Because you’re there for us too

Olivia’s House
a grief and loss center for children
2020 Annual Report
Mission & Vision

Mission Statement

Olivia’s House is an organization of caregiving professionals and volunteers committed to supporting grieving children. Its purpose is to facilitate healing through grief and loss education.

Vision Statement

As the premier freestanding, independent grief and loss center, we are dedicated to having the capability to support the growing needs of the community. In doing so, Olivia’s House will become the primary resource for local and national grief and loss education. Our vision will be accomplished by providing no-cost services such as:

- Educational and social support programs for grieving pre-school, elementary, middle and high school-aged children and young adults and their families.
- Individual and family grief counseling referrals to specialized professionals.
- A public lending library containing thousands of resources on child, teen, and adult grief.

Annual Message

When it hasn’t been your day, your week, your month or even your year... we can all certainly relate to these lyrics of the theme song from the iconic television series, FRIENDS. With the pandemic causing so much illness and death, and with environmental, political, and social upheavals causing national and global unrest, you can be assured that we’ll be there for you!

Our team worked extremely hard to pivot, bringing our programs into the virtual world with much success. We not only continued working alongside families, albeit, from the comforts of their homes, we also hosted a mobile Holly Jolly Holiday Party and a virtual Holiday shopping trip. We even completed the production our first ever children’s book, ‘Logan’s First Funerals.’ We worked tirelessly to ensure we met the demands of our grieving families.

No one told them life was going to be this way, but Olivia’s House works to assure the newly bereaved that they will receive the vital support to guide them through their loss. We are honored to serve the many children of central Pennsylvania and northern Maryland, at no cost to the families, and this is possible because you, our FRIENDS, make it so. Because of you, we’ll be there for them!
Program • Angels

Olivia’s House is blessed to have “Program Angels” who sponsor a night of programming, in memory of their loved one. We honor our Program Angels at the end of each program night by lighting a candle and sharing a little bit about the family and their “angel” who is making our program night possible. This sponsor makes it possible for our program attendees to learn of the many families ahead of them on the journey of grief.

The Amagost Family in memory of Christopher Amagost
The Ayres Family in memory of Ashley Ayres
The Barry Family in memory of Matthew Wright
The Bass Family in memory of Sean Bass
The Brennan Family in memory of Tisha Jo Brennan
The Catic Family in memory of Dallas Carty
The Coppola Family in memory of Sal Coppola
The Cripsio Family in memory of Benjamin Cripsio
The Cummins Family in memory of Amy Cummins
The Desa Family in memory of Nisha Patel
The Ehhart Family in memory of Carrie Smeltzer
The Garman Family in memory of Ann Marie Garman
The Gentry/McGowan Family in memory of Robert Gentry
The Godfrey Family in memory of Michelle Godfrey
The Grimm Family in memory of Sam Grimm
The Henniger Family in memory of Chris Henniger
The Keefer Family in memory of Mike Schwartz
The Koehl Family in memory of Amy Koehl
The Lauer/Green Family in memory of Edward Green
The Lawyer Family in memory of Tammy Lawyer
The Levine Family in memory of Susan Levine
The Lissauer Family in memory of Karen Lissauer
The McFadridge Family in memory of Pat McFadridge
The Ondorf Family in memory of Angie Ondorf
The Parker Family in memory of Andrea Lester
The Peden/Ryan Family in memory of Kadene Peden/Ryan
The Sanders Family in memory of Charlie Sanders
The Sekeres Family in memory of Dimitrios Siouras
The Sokol Johnson Family in memory of Shawn Johnson
The Sparber Family in memory of Zachary Frey
The Stenbaugh Family in memory of Brandon Stenbaugh
The Wartz Family in memory of Eric Wartz
The Yocom Family in memory of Scott Yocom

Founders • Message

We have been blessed this last year, far more than anyone ever anticipated we would. When the world shut down shortly after the beginning of spring, we were anticipating a two week “hiatus” that would help us to relax and get organized to make it through the busy fundraising season of the Olivia Gala, Give Local York, and the Mail Campaign. We were then faced with the reality of not being able to raise a single dollar through our Community Partner events, our most innovatively planned Olivia Gala, or our awesome Champion Events during Give Local York! What is an independent freestanding not for profit children’s grief center to do?

Rely on our community! That is what we have always done and guess what? Our community did not let us down! To say that York County and our generous community stepped up to ensure our success during the most challenging year since we opened our doors would be an understatement. We are blessed by our community and in response, we took care of them as well with virtual programs, care packages mailed directly to homes, virtual intakes and counseling, and virtual social events for our bereaved families! We even hosted virtual “coffee talk” with our volunteers and friends to avoid social isolation. What we could do, we did! Together, the FRIENDS of our bereaved community made sure that they felt the love!

Leslie Delp, M.A.
Founder and Bereavement Specialist
Our total income for the fiscal year 2020 was $486,060.77 as compared to our total expenditures of $397,753.11. This activity left us with a net gain of $88,307.66.

This sizable surplus resulted largely from gains realized on our investment accounts, forgiveness of our Paycheck Protection Program loan, a COVID-19 Relief YoCo Strong Grant, and increased involvement in Give Local York.

Our event partners understood the importance of their support, and agreed to retain their sponsorships, despite the cancellation of all in-person events due to COVID-19.

With event expenses drastically reduced, our fundraising efforts saw a strong net revenue.

The global pandemic had a strong influence on our organizational budgeting, and our Board of Directors remains deliberate in their fiscal responsibility. We continue to be blessed by a philanthropic community that generously partners with and provides for our mission, which makes healing possible for children and their families even when the rain starts to pour!
Olivia’s House: A Grief and Loss Center for Children is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, contributions to which are tax deductible to the fullest extent by law.

The official registration and financial information of Olivia’s House: A Grief and Loss Center for Children may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.