



July 2008 Newsletter Center for Grieving Children

Boys and Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley

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Peer Support Meeting is set for Tuesday, 7/15/08

- Group night this month will be held at **Chaps Academy** (see below for directions)
- **6:00pm to 8:15pm**
- The evening will be spent doing activities that will help the children recognize and identify their emotions, and begin to work as a team to support one another through their grief.
- Horses will be utilized to create unconditional love and acceptance, as well as to provide a non-threatening tool to help the children discuss and work through their grief and emotions.
- Our meal will be: kid friendly sandwiches, chips, fruit and veggies.
- **Directions from Appleton**
- **Take Hwy 47 North about 12 miles, turn left on the 2nd Hwy A,(the first one will take you back to Appleton, very frustrating) Go past Romy's Supperclub and go another mile or so, and turn Right on Mayflower Rd. It is the 4th property on the left, sign is on front. PARK IN BACK BY BARN**

Special Points of Interest:

- Peer Support Meeting and directions
- Volunteer Highlight
- Mourners' Rights
- Grief support resources
- Special Thank You
- We Remember

Volunteer Highlight: Chaps Academy

CHAPS Academy was founded in December of 2003, and was incorporated with the State of Wisconsin in March of 2004. The mission of CHAPS (Children with Horses Achieving Productivity and Success) Academy is to serve children

and families dealing with emotional and/or behavioral difficulties through the use of equine-assisted activities. They empower the children to achieve ongoing productivity and success within their home, at school, at work, and in the community. They serve children ages 4-18, adults and families in Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, Brown, Waupaca, Fond du Lac and Shawano counties.

For more information Contact Ann Dake at 920-209-3633 or go to the website at www.chapsacademy.org

Mourners' Rights

- *I have the right to experience my own unique grief in my own unique way.*
- *I have the right to feel what I am feeling, regardless of how those feelings shift from moment to moment.*
- *I have the right to feel angry.*
- *I have the right to be treated as a capable person.*
- *I have the right to say NO.*
- *I have the right to privacy.*
- *I have the right to ask for help.*
- *I have the right to be listened to.*
- *I have the right to be treated with respect.*
- *I have the right to socialize when ready.*
- *I have the right to cry—or not.*
- *I have the right to express my feelings.*
- *I have the right to be upset.*
- *I have the right to be supported.*
- *I have the right to express my needs.*
- *I have the right to talk about my grief.*
- *I have the right to experience joy.*
- *I have the right to feel a multitude of emotions, or not.*
- *I have the right to experience unexpected bursts of grief.*
- *I have the right to make use of healing rituals, including the funeral.*
- *I have the right to embrace my spirituality.*
- *I have the right to have fun.*
- *I have the right to be disappointed.*
- *I have the right to search for the meaning in life and death.*
- *I have the right to treasure my memories.*
- *I have the right to be alone.*
- *I have the right to be given time for the healing process.*

Understanding Loss: The Grief Process

Monday, July 14 6:30-8:30 pm

Fargo Funeral Home, 400 W. Wisconsin Ave.,
Kaukauna

Deb Kosmer, Coordinator of Bereavement Support Services for Affinity Visiting Nurses Hospice, will explore the unique and common effects of loss, the grieving process, and the journey toward healing. This gathering is specifically designed to share bereavement information and support resources. Opportunities for discussion take place throughout the evening. Reservations are greatly appreciated by calling **920-727-2000**.

Survivors of Suicide, Appleton Group

Second Monday of the Month at 6:30 pm, FVUU F, 2600 E. Philip Lane, Appleton

A support group for family, friends, coworkers of those who have died by suicide. Minimum age is 14 years old. No charge to attend. For info, contact **Jodi Huebner at 920-475-0246** or **Christine Garstka at 920-731-0555 x 243**.

Men Journeying Through Grief

A gathering of men who have experienced the death of a loved one, recent or past. Gatherings include supper, discussion, grief information, and resources. No charge to attend.

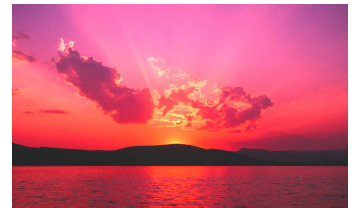
Contact: Deb Kosmer 1-866-236-8500 or Pete 920-831-9905 for meeting time and place.

Compassionate Friends

4th Thursday of the month, 7pm Faith United Methodist Church, 1025
Tullar Road, Neenah

A self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved families who have experienced the death of a child.

Contact Deb Schultz at 920-725-6340 for more information.



To Grandma and Grandpa With Love

Honoring and Celebrating Our Grandparents. Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008 from 9:30am-11:00am.
Location: Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N Lynndale Drive, Appleton.

“To Grandma and Grandpa With Love” is a family memorial service honoring dear deceased grandparents. People of all ages are invited to participate in this service of remembrance. More details to come.

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The June Memorial Picnic turned out to be a beautiful evening with good food, family, fun and memories shared.

Cindy Kort took many wonderful pictures, including some family photos.

We will have these family photos available for you at the August group night.

Thanks Cindy!!!

Hope to see you at the Chaps Academy next Tuesday....Wear your barn attire!!

Special Thank You to...

Wolfrath 's nursery for donating the beautiful tree for our memorial tree planting

Janine Connolly for sponsoring the balloon launch

Greenville Lions Park

We Remember.....

Anthony Hartwig	Born	6/26/1973
Michael	Born	7/27/1963
Fred Clay	Born	6/20/1963
Luis Gonzales	Born	6/15/1995
Lynn Hansen	Born	6/19/1970
Clay Kees	Born	6/13/1950
Tanner Logan	Born	7/15/1987
Vicky Lopez	Born	6/10/1967
Fernando Maldonado Sr	Born	7/21/1980
Heidi	Born	6/6/61
David Roy	Born	6/6/1961
George Wysocki	Born	7/13/1967

Floyd Buchanan	Death	7/23/2005
Jennifer Chich	Death	7/6/2005
Steven Cooney	Death	7/14/2004
Kayla Norman	Death	6/6/2006
Terry Fipps	Death	7/16/2004
Brandon Fochs	Death	7/20/2003
Mark Glaeser	Death	6/5/2006
Todd Harrison	Death	6/25/2004
Jason Kallas	Death	7/30/2003
Vicki Lopaz	Death	6/9/1997
Alyssa Mastbergen	Death	6/17/2004
Ronin Nichols	Death	6/6/2005
Pete Paremski	Death	7/2008
Diana Sievers	Death	7/29/2007
Valerie Van Stappen	Death	6/7/2007
Jenny	Death	7/20
Adam Roberts	Death	6/28/05