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Peer Support Meeting is set for Tuesday, 9-21-10

6: 00 - 8:15 pm

Program Topic:
**Many Layers of Memories: Remembering
through Images**

Menu: ham, cheesy potatoes, salad



CGC Field Trip to CHAPS on a Summer Afternoon!



On Sunday, August 15th, the staff and volunteers of CHAPS equine academy, kept 23 kids, and 16 adults from the CGC program very involved with equine-assisted activities that promote healing. The staff prepared 6 interactive stations where families could connect with animals, their own feelings and each other. Therapeutic interactions included riding a horse bareback, telling a horse your story, finger painting ON a horse, and letting the horse 'help' each family 'hold' the feelings that come with grief. There were opportunities to make a family memory box, pet a kitten, and enjoy a box lunch.

CHAPS staff told the story of a mother horse there who had twins, and one died. The mother horse mourned. She needed time and attention to get over her grief. Kids got a chance to tell their own grief story to a horse. It is amazing what good listeners they are. One family reported that the experience helped them to see that they have moved along in their grief from their loss three years ago; another felt that working with the horse helped them to share their grief together as a family.

The CHAPS field trip was made possible by a grant from the *Evelyn and Arthur Lierman Children's Fund* within the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region, Inc. This is the third year that CGC families have had a wonderful experience at CHAPS.

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Our new CGC room and BG Club space was visited by over fifty people from the community at our OPEN HOUSE in August. Guests were interested in how grieving families work together to share

the grief experience. CGC volunteers led tours through rooms displaying projects at different age levels. Guests even got to meet some of the therapy dogs who visit us each month. We meet with long time supporters and made new friends too. TY ALL!



Advisory Councilman Jonathan Johns took Open House photos

Birthday

Robert T	9/7/1976
Timothy G	9/11/1958
John J	9/16/1971
Karen P-Q	9/20/1962
Jerome C	9/23/1934

Anniversary of the Death:

Jay G	9/4/2004
James J	9/4/2007
Joshua V	9/7/2008
Wendy D	9/18/2009



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Our thanks to Lori Pagel for the great CHAPS photos