



Michael's Place *where healing begins*

MICHAEL'S PLACE

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SERVICE AREA

Since 2001, Michael's Place has been serving grieving children, teens, and families in Grand Traverse County and surrounding counties.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Michael's Place

MISSION

Michael's Place offers support and advocacy for grieving children, teens, and families, and raises community awareness on grief issues.

BRIEF HISTORY

Michael's Place began in 2001 working with grieving children, teens, and families who have experienced the death of a loved one. Michael's Place welcomes families of all backgrounds. Services and programs are free to all families and individuals. Each week families come together to share stories and experiences and find comfort with others who understand. In December 2008, Michael's Place opened the Family Support Center (FSC). At the FSC, children, teens, families, and individuals can participate in programs such as "Make A Memory Night," book clubs, or "Teen Espresso."

Statistics show that 78% of couples experiencing the death of a child will either separate or divorce within one year from the death. At Michael's Place, none of the couples in the program have separated or divorced and all of the children have remained in

school. In 2008, Michael's Place provided over 32,000 hours of direct service.

GOALS

Without support, an increase is evident in school dropouts, divorce, drug and alcohol use and abuse, and depression. The goals of Michael's Place are to provide healing in a healthy manner for individuals and families following the death of a loved one and to provide grief support programs and services to schools and workplaces following the death of a member of their community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are the key to the success of Michael's Place and are needed to facilitate the support groups, organize programs in the Family Support Center, provide office assistance, complete special projects, serve on the board of directors and committees, and assist with special events. We need specific help with fundraising and website support.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Donations may be made by phone: (231) 947-6453 or by mail to:

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As a local organization, all of the financial gifts received by Michael's Place will directly serve our community. Michael's Place accepts gifts through check, credit card, stock transfer, and more. Gifts can be given in memory or in honor of a loved one, as a sponsorship of a special event, a memorial, or a grant through a foundation or trust.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Michael's Place special events include an annual concert and Heard It Through the Grapevine in September. In December, Michael's Place presents an annual holiday appeal. Private parties are hosted throughout the year to benefit Michael's Place.

BIGGEST NEED IN 2010

As our program is free to all families, financial donations are important and appreciated. Volunteers with a passion for helping others are needed to assist with programs and services as well as serve in leadership positions.

Let the Healing Begin.

Michael's Place has provided over 32,000 hours of direct service free of charge.



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- Weekly support groups
- Family meetings
- Educational workshops
- School based grief support programs
- "Good Grief" for teens
- Compassionate workplace
- Family support center program and services

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