

## 2011 Children's Grief Center of New Mexico Annual Report

Dear Friends –

You are receiving this annual report because of your connection to the Children's Grief Center. 2011 has been a big, exciting year at CGC. In the past year we served nearly 400 grieving kids and their families. This summer we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Good Grief Day Camp" for kids across the state. It was an amazing day of hope and healing and we are looking forward to another wonderful camp next summer. And of course, our biggest news was that for the first time in our 10-year history, we moved -- to a new, dedicated space for grief services near the Rio Grande Nature Center at 3001 Trellis Dr NW. This beautiful location allows us to offer more robust services to even more grieving families that need it. Groups have been taking place here since September and grieving kids now have the chance to do things like play in our new "Steam Room" – a place where they can safely get out the "mads" and where everything is padded and soft. This is just one of many new offerings at our wonderful new Center. If you have not yet had the chance to see it, please give us a call to schedule a visit! (505)-323-0478



Each May and December we ask families to complete feedback forms about their experience at CGC. Here are some of the most recent responses:



What kids had to say about CGC:

*"It's a place to express your feelings and help you with them."* – 9-year-old girl whose dad died

*"It means that I can feel better and still remember about my dad."* – 7-year-old girl whose dad died

*"It makes me very happy and makes me want to stay every Wednesday that I go."* -5-year-old boy whose dad died



*"It means so much – it's like my second family."* – 11-year-old whose dad died

*"It means people that really care."* – 6-year-old girl whose dad died



What the adults had to say:

*"I wanted to give up before I came here. It has helped me manage my life and my children."* -30-year-old woman whose mother died

*"It has been a good resource of information, as well as an emotionally supportive environment for myself and my two boys."* – 33-year-old woman whose husband died

*"We felt so alone until we came and found people like ourselves."* – 51-year-old woman whose husband died



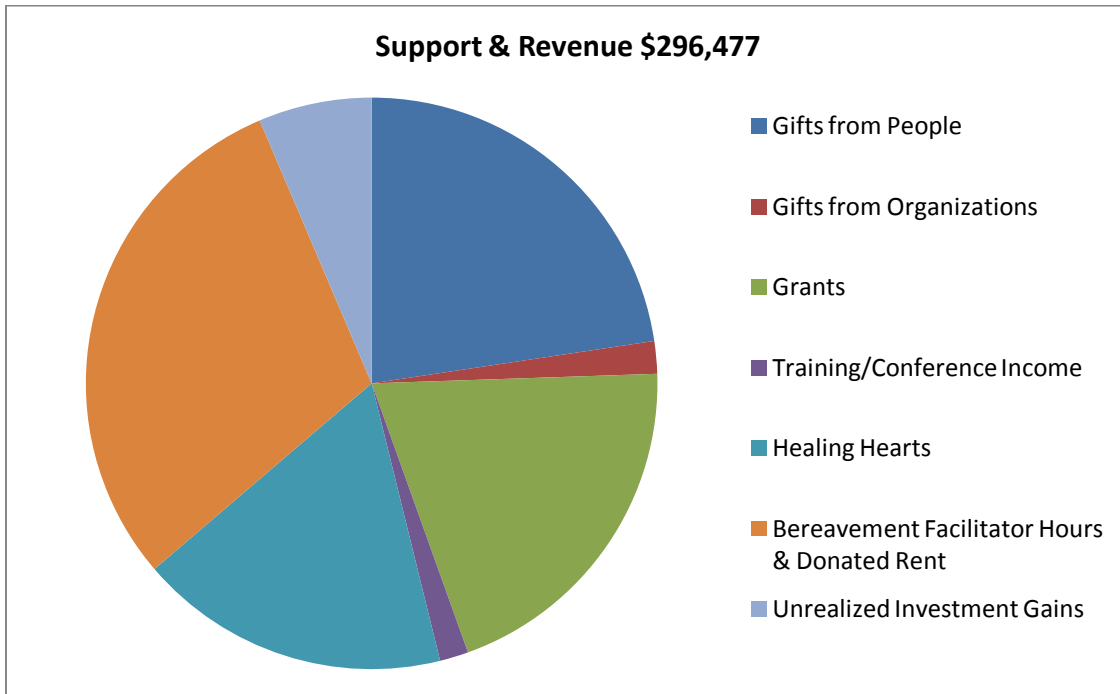
*"My daughter loves coming to group. It is the best part of her month. She is smiling again."* -43-year-old woman whose husband died



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**The Children's Grief Center never charges grieving families for the specialized support groups we provide. CGC does not receive any state or federal funding. We exist through the generosity of individual donors, dedicated and compassionate volunteers, foundations and businesses. CGC underwent a volunteer audit conducted by Ricci & Co. for this fiscal year and came out with flying colors.**

**To inspect the full audit, visit our website!**



*Thanks to the numerous volunteers who provide the open ears, arms and hearts these hurting families need, CGC's expenses are enviably low for any human services agency. Thank you Bereavement Facilitators!*

