



Dear Friend,

In response to a large and continued interest, Annie's Hope is happy to announce the start of On-Going Monthly Support Groups for grieving kids and families. As you may already know, these support groups will meet on the **2nd Wednesday of every month**. You are invited to arrive as early as 6 PM for complimentary pizza and drink, but the support group meetings begin at 6:30 PM and last until 8:00 PM.

We will need the following prior to families attending:

- A commitment to attend at least 3 months in a row. (*Please check your schedule to make sure you will not have travel plans, school events, teacher conferences, sports events, church obligations, etc. that will interfere with your attendance.*)
- Families to call Annie's Hope to RSVP at least 1 week prior to attending group.
- Completed and returned enrollment forms for each adult and child/teen attending- 1 week prior to the first meeting. Teenagers who will be attending to complete his/her own enrollment form. There is a page attached to the teen form for the parent/guardian to complete.
- Parents/guardians to complete the enrollment forms for all children younger than 13 years of age. Remember to make sure your child signs his/her own enrollment forms.
- Adults attending to complete your own enrollment.
- An adult to attend with the children and only kids between the ages of 3 and 18 will be able to participate. You will be responsible for finding childcare each week for kids under 3.

We realize that the forms may be hard to complete, please do your best to **return them no later than one week prior to attending**. You will receive an email or phone call confirming that you have been successfully enrolled and your family's space is reserved after **all** your forms are received and reviewed. **Space is limited** and we anticipate a wait list for families hoping to get in. Once your family has been accepted, you are invited to bring a memento or picture of the person who died on the first night. They will be placed by the candle that your family will light each week upon your arrival.

New families, please arrive no later than 6:00 PM to meet with the program director the first night you will be attending groups.

Enclosed/Attached are the enrollment forms that you need to complete for your family as well as directions to the location of support groups. Please note that there are separate enrollment forms for adults and age specific forms for children. If you need additional forms, you may copy them yourself or contact me for more.

Please know that almost all who attend will feel some anxiety and nervousness, especially the first week. It may be helpful to remember that you are all in similar situations and that you will not be forced to say or do anything that would make you feel uncomfortable. I look forward to meeting with you and the kids. Please don't hesitate to call me with any questions.

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