

You have the power to heal hearts.

Dear Friends,

February feels like the perfect time to express our love and appreciation for all you've done for us over the years. Your continued generosity allows us to provide comprehensive peer support to grieving children, teens and their families.

Our vision is to ensure that no child or teen in Michigan grieves alone. To get there, we need your help. During this season of the heart, here are a few of the many reasons to **give to Ele's Place – Ann Arbor**:



Drawing by Fiona, Age 11

- **This cause is personal.** Childhood grief touches many lives, with 1 in 11 children in Michigan experiencing the death of a parent or sibling by age 18.
- **Your support is vital.** Unaddressed childhood grief can lead to anxiety, depression, problems at school and using unhealthy ways to numb the pain.
- **Protect our safe space.** Ele's Place provides a nurturing environment where children and teens can connect, share memories, explore their feelings and learn coping skills.
- **Keep our programs free.** Whether they participate on-site or at one of our partner schools, your support means there is never a cost for families to attend Ele's Place.
- **Every dollar makes a difference.** Every donation, no matter how big or small, impacts lives. **And now through March 15, your support will go twice as far, thanks to a generous match of up to \$25,000 from The Jones Family Foundation.**

Give Now

Please consider supporting grieving children and teens in our community. On behalf of the families we serve, we are grateful for all you do.



Sincerely,

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"We'd been married for 17 years when my husband Mike was diagnosed with cancer. When he died, the kids were 12, 16 and 18. After his death, and even in the final six months or so that he was sick, they had really stopped being teenagers. They needed a different space — somewhere they could be free and safe to be honest and express all their emotions about

their dad, and about me, too. Ele's Place seemed to me to be the perfect place for that, and became a lifeline for my son Lucas and me. Thank you for **your support of Ele's Place** — a safe, judgment-free place where children, teens and families like mine can have the space to express themselves freely, and know there are people who understand and can help.”



— Hardeesh, Parent and former Ele's Place

participant

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