



GREATER FLINT

2021 IMPACT REPORT

No Child or Teen Should
Have to Grieve Alone



Tracy Payton-Lester EP Greater Flint, Program Director



Dear Friends of Ele's Place Greater Flint and Genesee County, It is hard to believe that 2021 is behind us, and 2022 is here, bringing in-person gatherings and interactions with others to a pre-pandemic normal. As we look back at 2021, we would like to share some of the amazing accomplishments that Ele's Place of Greater Flint and Genesee County has accomplished.

In 2021, we were still met with challenges in how we were able to provide grief support. Despite mask mandates, social distancing and spikes in Covid-19 numbers; we stayed committed to supporting grieving children and families. Our mastery of providing virtual groups with children and families via zoom continued. We have partnered with several schools within the county, using their virtual platforms, to provide school groups.

In June 2021, we were finally able to come together face-to-face when we hosted our annual bubble release on the lawn outside of our facility. There was so much joy and laughter and plenty of bubbles as we came together to support our families. Additionally, we hosted three other outdoor family nights throughout the summer.

We were able to return to face-to-face program nights and school groups in September 2021, utilizing safety precautions. We continued providing virtual groups for families that were still uncomfortable meeting in person. It has been our goal to make sure that no child grieves alone. Grief never stops and continues to be a challenge for many families. No matter the mode of support, Ele's Place Greater Flint and Genesee County will be there!

We held our first in-person fundraising event in nearly two years. The Business Leaders Breakfast took place on November 4th, 2021, and was a success. Our 2022 event is scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 3rd at the Sloan Museum of Discovery; we hope you can join us. Did you know that Ele's Place provides all its services at no cost? In addition, we do not receive any government funding or insurance reimbursements. We are solely funded by the generosity of our communities.

Ele's Place has received the GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency award for the fourth straight year. GuideStar is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations and this is their highest possible rating. This award highlights consistency in exceeding nonprofit industry standards by Ele's Place and demonstrates strong fiscal management along with a commitment to accountability, transparency and progress shown towards accomplishing our mission.

Darlene Chivinsky

EP Greater Flint, Director of Development



Yet, with all of our successes, we have so much more to do. The need for our services continues to rise within the Greater Flint and Genesee County communities. Currently, the rates of violent and accidental death, accidental overdose deaths and suicide rates are all higher than the national average and climbing. These statistics are traumatizing for our community, its children and teens.

All of us at the Ele's Place Greater Flint and Genesee County would like to share how proud and grateful we are for the passion and dedication of board members, volunteers and donors. Thank you for being part of our Ele's Place family. Without you, none of this is possible.

**With gratitude,
Tracy Payton-Lester &
Darlene Chivinsky**

There are many ways you can support our mission & us!

- ♥ Please consider donating to Ele's Place GFGC at Ele's Place - Donate (elesplace.org)
- ♥ Amazon Smile - Select Ele's Place as your charity of choice
- ♥ Kroger Rewards Card - Select Ele's Place Greater Flint and Genesee County
- ♥ Attend our Business Leaders Breakfast on November 3rd
- ♥ Volunteer as a group facilitator
- ♥ Advocate for us by sharing our mission with a family member or friend
- ♥ Like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram
- ♥ Mention us on your social media
- ♥ Visit our web page for more information at Ele's Place - Greater Flint and Genesee County (elesplace.org).

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FACT:

One in 12 children in Michigan will experience the death of a parent or sibling before the age of 18.



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Total Served in 2021:



SUPPORT GROUPS:

In 2021 we served 416 individuals in our peer support groups; initially virtually, and then in person.



PROGRAMS:

We maintained an evening of virtual programming for those families who had the need to attend virtually.



SCHOOL GROUPS:

Provided ongoing grief support to students in 10 local schools and served 19 children and teens through Ele's Group.

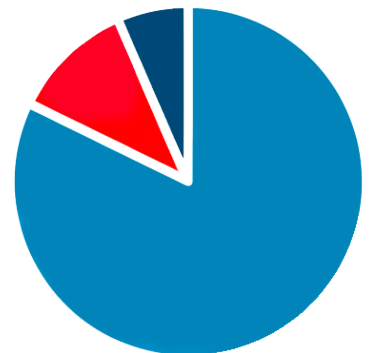


CLINICAL CONSULTATIONS:

Provided clinical consultations to 228 individuals via phone or in person, including 18 family intakes.

Functional Expenses

- ♥ **Program 72%**
- ♥ **Administration 19%**
- ♥ **Fundraising 9%**



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