



A healing  
center for  
grieving  
children  
& teens

GREATER FLINT  
AND GENESEE COUNTY

## 2020 IMPACT REPORT

# 2020

**A year where  
almost everything was  
canceled but grief and  
♥ love. ♥**

# Ele's Place Greater Flint and Genesee County

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of the mission of Ele's Place and our local Greater Flint and Genesee County chapter. In Michigan, 1 in 13 children will experience the loss of a parent or sibling before their 18th birthday. That number is significantly higher if you consider the loss of a grandparent or other important person in their lives. For 30 years, Ele's Place has been committed to ensuring that no child in Michigan grieves alone.

2020 was a year like no other. We found ourselves in a global pandemic. As an organization whose focus is supporting children, teens, and their families who are grieving the death of someone significant in their life, we faced major challenges in continuing our support. As the world shut down and it was no longer safe to conduct face-to-face supportive services, and all fundraising events were canceled. Our staff was swift to respond, developing creative and helpful ways to continue to support our current Ele's Place families as well as hundreds more who were experiencing the death of a family member due to Covid-19.

Despite how challenging this past year has been, Ele's Place of Greater Flint and Genesee County has provided:

- ♥ Bereavement Support Program Total number served: 413
- ♥ In-Person/ Virtual Support Groups & Clinical Consultation: 240
- ♥ Phone Consultations: 117

In addition, for the third year in a row, Ele's Place has been awarded the Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar. Not only does a Platinum Seal take into account what important information the non-profit has publicly shared in regards to its goals, strategies, and vision—it recognizes the metrics that show progress made toward achieving its mission. Only approximately 5% of US nonprofits achieve any of the four GuideStar Seal rankings, Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze. Of this 5% just 15% are awarded a Platinum Seal. This level of ranking puts Ele's Place in the company of such respected organizations as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



# Ele's Place Greater Flint and Genesee County

At this time, Ele's Place of Greater Flint and Genesee County remains open virtually, supporting grieving families in our community and the surrounding areas at no cost to them. We are 100% funded through individual, corporate, and foundation donations. That is why your support is so vital.

We are currently finalizing summer and fall programming for the remainder of this year and continue to follow all state and local guidelines as we implement support and look forward to the day when children, teens and families can be safely welcomed back to our Flint Healing Center.

**We are also excited to announce that our Business Leaders Breakfast will be back this fall, scheduled for Thursday, November 4th. We hope you will join us.**

## Other ways you can help:

- ♥ You can like our Facebook page, Ele's Place - Greater Flint & Genesee County. *Don't forget to like, share and comment on our postings.*
- ♥ You can write a review for us on google or yelp.
- ♥ Set up a free Amazon Smile account, select Ele's Place as your charity of choice, and Amazon will donate a percentage of your qualifying purchase to us at no cost to you.

On behalf of our Ele's Place staff, volunteers, and families that we serve, thank you so much for your support.


**Because of you, everything we do is possible.**

With gratitude,

Darlene Chivinsky  
Director of Development  
Ele's Place Greater Flint  
and Genesee County

Tracy Payton-Lester  
Program Director  
Ele's Place Greater Flint  
and Genesee County

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*"It has been extremely beneficial to our family by giving my child the ability to identify and express how she is feeling. She has even taught me methods on how to deal with my anger or sadness"*  
-Mom of 5-year-old Ele's Place kid

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*"I know Ele's place has made a huge difference in my child's life and his ability to grow through his grief. He has a sense of belonging."*  
-Mom of Ele's Place kid

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# Ele's Place Greater Flint and Genesee County

## Total Served in 2020:



**SUPPORT GROUPS - 126 (87 CHILDREN AND 39 ADULTS)**  
 Family based programming, onsite at our facilities (conducted via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.) Provides peer support to kids 3-18 and an optional support group for their caregiver.



**SCHOOL GROUPS - 58 STUDENTS IN 9 GROUPS**  
 Peer support groups within the school setting, primarily in Middle School and HS.

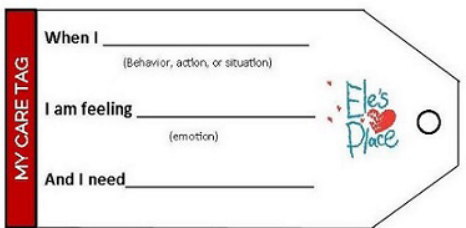


**CLINICAL CONSULTATION- 173 PEOPLE**  
 Phone, virtual or in-person one-to-one grief support, conducted by a licensed Ele's Place staff person. Includes the initial intake for families to coordinate attending onsite programs.

*All services are provided free of charge to families, schools and all members of our community.*



Virtual Family Activity  
 "Strength Shield"



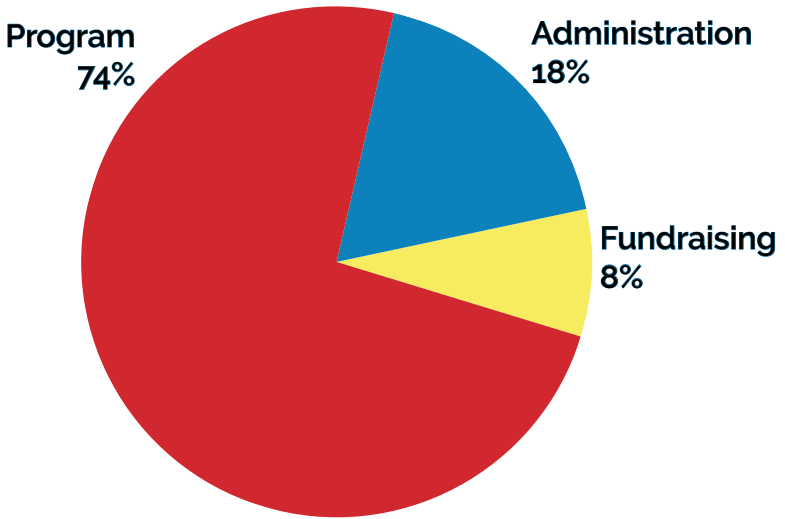
Virtual Family Activity  
 "Care Tags"



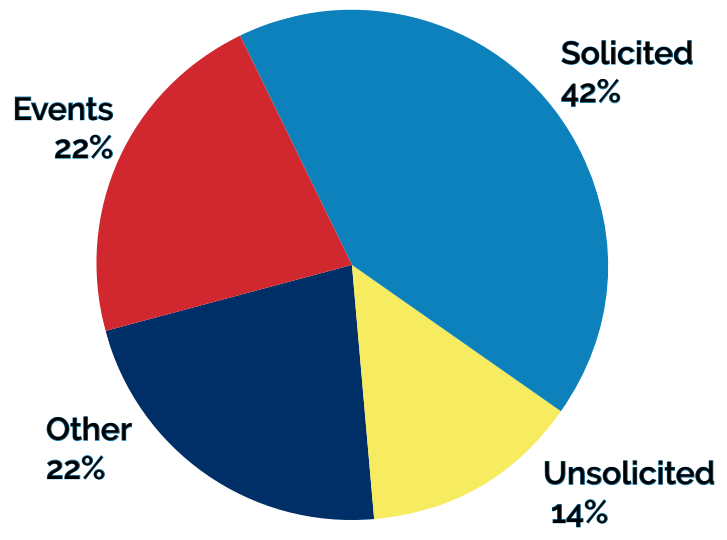
Drive By  
 Volunteer Appreciation Event

## Ele's Place Greater Flint and Genesee County

### Functional Expenses



### Income\*



*\*Additional expenses were offset by a Payroll Protection loan and other income*



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