



WEST MICHIGAN

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# 2021 IMPACT REPORT

No Child or Teen Should  
Have to Grieve Alone



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Dear friends of Ele's Place, It is with great excitement and gratitude that I share with you the impact that you have helped Ele's Place West Michigan to achieve in 2021! While the realities of the pandemic continued to affect our community and our organization, we ensured that grieving children, teens and their families were still able to get the compassionate support they needed, and did not have to grieve alone.

In 2021 we continued the virtual programming we began in 2020, and were also able to bring our families back to our onsite programming, and reinstate our school groups across the region. In doing this, we were able to serve nearly 700 individuals over the course of 2021.

As you can imagine, given the realities of COVID-19, we continue to receive more calls each day from families who unfortunately experienced the death of someone important to them; many from COVID-19 and many others from other common causes. We have learned that no matter the cause of death, the restrictions and isolation caused by the pandemic have created additional concerns about the mental health of children and teens. We are so grateful for the generosity and support from individuals like YOU who demonstrate kindness and compassion for our mission and the children, teens and families we serve. It is an honor to walk alongside our families as they navigate their grief journey and work to learn coping skills along the way.

Within the pages of our report, we are excited to share with you the results that we have seen as an organization over the last year, both in our program and financially.

**FACT:**

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

# Ele's Place West Michigan

Because of your continued generosity, we are able to continue to work toward meeting our vision of ensuring no child in West Michigan grieves alone.

Our annual Courage, Comfort and Cocktails event, held virtually in 2021, exceeded our fundraising goals and was fun way for folks to support Ele's Place and learn more about our mission. We look forward to seeing you for this year's event, IN PERSON, on October 18, 2022, at The Goei Center in Grand Rapids, MI. More details are available on our website at <https://www.elesplace.org/branch-locations/west-michigan/courage-comfort-cocktails>.

Please feel free to contact with any questions or say hello. Thank you, again, for all you have done for Ele's Place West Michigan!

**With gratitude,**

*Tammy* ♥



# Ele's Place West Michigan

## Total Served in 2021:



### **SUPPORT GROUPS:**

In 2021 we served 423 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:**

Held 7 in school Ele's Group support groups serving 49 students.

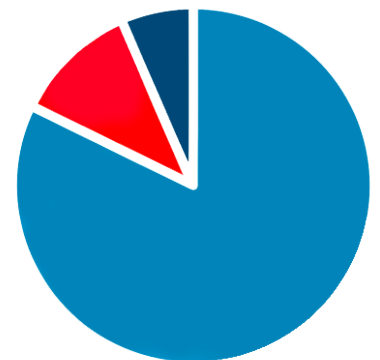


### **CLINICAL CONSULTATIONS:**

Provided clinical consultations to 500 individuals via phone or in person, including 27 family intakes.

## Functional Expenses

- ♥ **Program 88.23%**
- ♥ **Administration 7.69%**
- ♥ **Fundraising 4.08%**



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