

Don't let one terrible loss lead to another

Parents and guardians may be reluctant to encourage children to express their grief. Or they may simply not know how to help their children deal with the death of a significant person. But these inactions could be detrimental to a child's emotional healing and development. Children need an opportunity to say goodbye, share feelings, and deal with emotions.

Children and teens that are not supported during grief can develop serious emotional and behavioral problems that follow them throughout their lives.

At Suncoast Kid's Place, we help families, teens, and children work through this very important grieving process.

A journey begins with a single step

Call Suncoast Kid's Place so that a staff member can take basic information and place your family in an appropriate group.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

- Call us at **813-990-0216**
- or visit **www.suncoastkidsplace.org**



MISSION

The mission of Suncoast Kid's Place is to provide support for families, children, and teens from 3-18 years of age who have experienced the death of a significant person in their lives, as an ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ.

FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

As a ministry of Van Dyke Church, no fee is charged for those who participate. We trust that God will provide the necessary contributions and volunteers to make this program possible. Tax-deductible contributions are welcomed from individuals, families, businesses, and organizations that share our vision.

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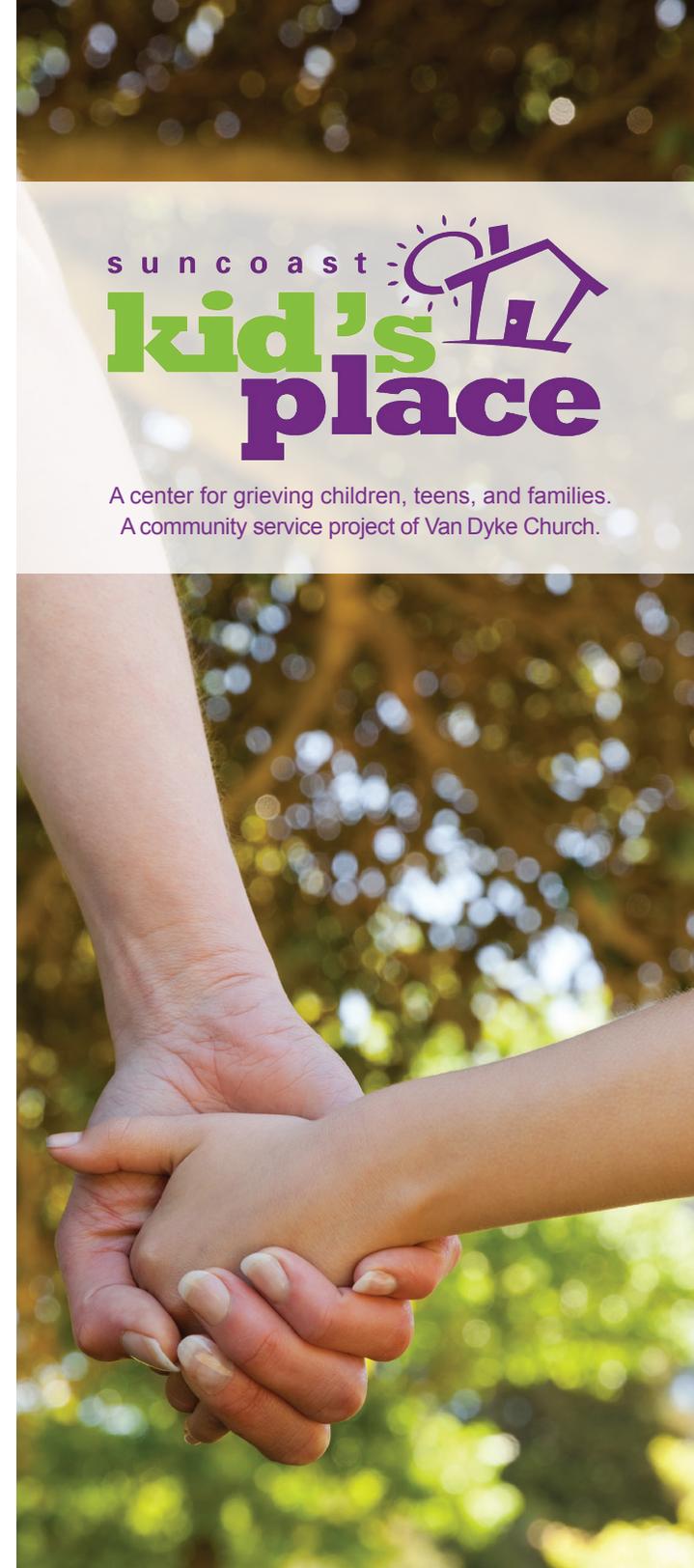
National Alliance for
Grieving Children

www.ChildrenGrieve.org

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A center for grieving children, teens, and families.
A community service project of Van Dyke Church.





The long road to healing begins here

Most families do not have the resources to cope with the incredibly difficult grieving process following a traumatic loss, especially when young children and teenagers are involved. Suncoast Kid's Place provides understanding and support in a safe and nurturing environment. Children, teens, and families can share their experience as they move through the process of grieving the death of a significant person.



Through peer groups, discussion, education, and play, Suncoast Kid's Place provides the resources necessary to help families grieve a devastating loss, while also finding strength and joy in the shared memories of someone special. Here, participants have the opportunity to meet others who have also experienced the death of a parent, primary caregiver, sibling, friend, or other significant person.

This program is free of charge and available to all families regardless of when the death occurred.

Grouped together by age categories, children and teens participate twice a month in 90-minute sessions that include both talking time and play time. During the sessions, participants are encouraged to express their feelings and thoughts through play and activities. Children have fun coming to Suncoast Kid's Place and being with peers who have also experienced a death. All groups are led by a professional staff member and trained volunteer facilitators. We also have therapy dogs at our group sessions for the kids and teens to enjoy.

Caregivers are encouraged to attend the adult group that meets concurrently with every children's group. An adult must remain on campus.

Suncoast Kid's Place does not provide private therapy.



LOCATIONS

- **Main Location**
17030 Lakeshore Road
Lutz, FL 33558
- **Bell Shoals Baptist Church**
2102 Bell Shoals Road
Brandon, FL 33511
- **Gulfside Hospice**
6224 Lafayette St
New Port Richey, FL 34652

Free on-site childcare may be available.



OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS INCLUDE

- In-school groups
- After-school programs
- Incarcerated youth facilities

Contact us for more information:

Phone: **813-990-0216**

Email: info@suncoastkidsplace.org