Kate's Club

celebrating 10 years

empowering children & teens facing life after the death of a parent or sibling

Stakeholder Newsletter

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Memory Walk 2013: Karissa's Story

Karissa's dad was a fighter. He was a three time cancer survivor before he finally lost his battle. Thankfully, Kate's Club has been a life line for Karissa.

Karissa & Her Family

Spin for Kids
Sunday, October 20, 2013
Camp Twin Lakes

Marathon Cheer Zone
Sunday, October 27, 2013
Centennial Olympic Park

In Karissa's own words, *"My favorite thing about Kate's Club is that it helps me know that I'm not alone... I meet people who are going through the same things I am. At Kate's Club I don't have to be worried about being judged. I can talk about my feelings and know people are there for me."*

At last year's **Kate's Club Memory Walk** Karissa raised over $1,000 for Kate's Club

Memory Walk
Saturday, November 16, 2013
Coan Park

Grief Awareness Day
Thursday, November 21, 2013

Holiday H.U.G.S
Saturday, December 14, 2013
Clubhouse

Santa Run
Sunday, December 14, 2013
Hudson Grille - Midtown

Bowl-a-Thon

through her own First Giving Page. We invite you to join us on **November 16 at 10:00am in Coan Park** to participate in this year's Kate's Club Memory Walk.

This is a 2K walk with interactive stations along the way and family photos and a balloon release at the end. It's great for the whole family. The walk is followed by lunch and activities - music, kickball, field games. There is no cost to attend Memory Walk.

Kate's Club Memory Walk is an opportunity to see the Kate's Club mission in action. To participate, fundraise, donate or volunteer please contact Rachel Ezzo.

We look forward to seeing you at **Memory Walk**!

Create Your Own Program

Each month during program days, our staff and volunteers walk the kids through activities to help them on their grief journey. We recently shared one of these activities on our blog for those who aren't able to make it to the Clubhouse.

Thursday, February 20, 2014
Midtown Bowl

Spirit of Kate's
Saturday, May 17, 2014
Loews Atlanta Hotel

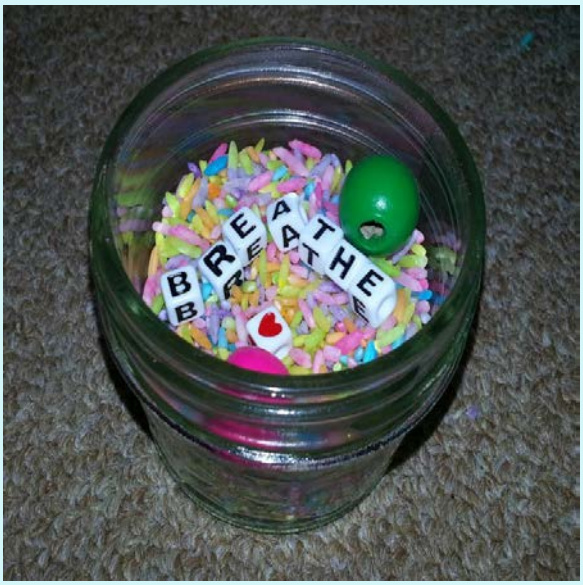
Our Impact

To date, in 2013, Kate's Club has:

- Provided grieving children with 14000 hours of support
- Welcomed 102 new members and their families
- Trained 76 new Buddies
- Taken 160 children to Camp Good Mourning
- Held 16 Clubhouse Days, 17 Park Bench support groups, 3 large outings, 3 advanced volunteer trainings, and 18 new family orientations
- Contributed half a million dollars of support for the direct benefit of greater Atlanta's grieving children and their families

From Our Blog

The Grief Awareness Blog was created in January 2011 to tell our stories and offer resources to those people experiencing



The Relax Jar

We invite you to pass along this exercise to others who could benefit and help us create a world where it is OK to grieve!

A Sneak Peek at Kate's Club Connects

The work of Kate's Club is not limited to the clubhouse, outings and camp. We have an outreach branch called Kate's Club Connects.

grief.

Check out a guest post from Kara Jones, an artist and grief educator about Seeking the Light!

Board of Directors and Advisors

Welcome new Board of Directors Members:

Kanata Herring
Customer Marketing Manager
Brown-Forman

Sameer Vyas
Partner
Huco Consulting

Welcome new Board of Advisors Members:

A. Elizabeth "Lizz" Patrick
Founding Attorney
Patrick Law Group

Did you know that Kate's Club is only possible because of the generosity of donors like you?

KC Connects brings bereavement support services and grief education to the Greater Atlanta community through:

- **Grief Education** - a 45-minute activity that engages participants in an interactive activity that normalizes grief feelings and teaches how to help those who are grieving
- **Support Groups**: a closed support group over the course of six weeks to support children and teens who have experienced the death of anyone close to them.
- **Grief Training for Professionals**: A training available for school counselors, social workers, education and other professionals.

We currently have partnerships with several KIPP schools, Drew Charter School and schools across Gwinnett and Rockdale Counties.

For more information about how your school or organization can partner with us, please reach out to Lane Pease.

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Featured Article

It's Easy!

We need regular, engaging content for the Kate's Club Blog that represents diverse voices in the Kate's Club community and beyond.

Please consider writing one blog post as a Guest Blogger, or becoming a Monthly Blogger on the team. Posts can be between 50 and 500 words, should include photos, videos and links when possible. Posts can be about any aspect of grief, loss or empowerment. They can be personal stories,

comments on recent current events, relevant articles, inspiring quotes, craft or activity ideas, ways that you have honored the memory of a loved one, things that were most/least helpful to you after the death of a loved one, statistics about the issue of grief and why people should care!

To learn more about this opportunity, please email Rachel Ezzo.

Kate's Club 10th Anniversary Guild

In recognition of 10 years of exemplary service and in support of the conviction that "no child should have to grieve alone," Kate's Club has established the

10th Anniversary Guild. This is a society of donors who choose to invest in the strategic growth of Kate's Club. Donations of $1000 and above qualify for recognition on a permanent plaque in the Kate's Club Clubhouse, special invitations, and discounted VIP Gala tickets.

10th Anniversary Guild Donors to date include:

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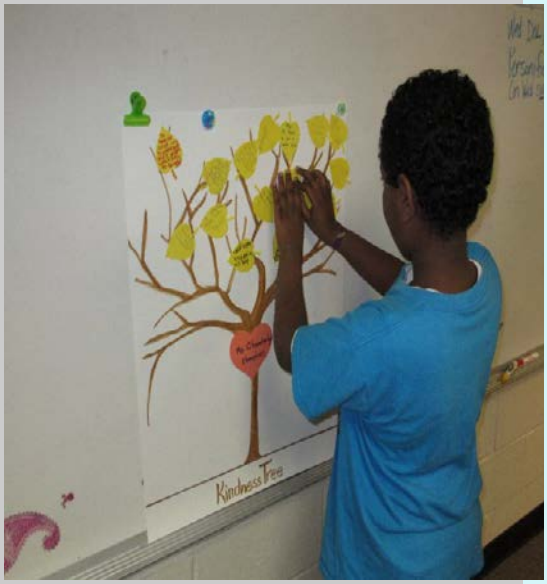

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To join, or for more details, please contact emily@katesclub.org.