



THE GRIEF BRIEF

Emma's Place – Staten Island Grief Center for Children and Families

Emma's Place children receiving gifts from Nicholas Garcia who chose to use his grant from Hershey Foundation to donate to Emma's Place.

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A WALK TO REMEMBER – Emma's Place Inaugural Fundraising Walk

Emma's Place is excited to sponsor its Inaugural Fundraising Walk, a **Walk to Remember**, on Saturday, June 4, 2022 in Clove Lakes Park.

When we are living in difficult times like these, we are faced with so much uncertainty and loss on many different levels. It makes a difference and adds comfort when we are there for one another, honor and support those who are dealing with losses, and remember our loved ones who we have lost. On June 4th, at our **Walk to Remember** we can do all these things. Take this great step in coming together as a community and join our walk on June 4th!

**There's still time to register for the walk! You can get more information and access the registration form at: [2022 "A Walk to Remember" – Emma's Place \(emmasplacesi.org\)](https://emmasplacesi.org).
*Looking Forward to Seeing You on June 4th!***

Emma's Place would like to give their heartfelt thanks and sincere gratitude to the following people who have helped make this walk possible:

- The **Brighton Kiwanis Club** who partnered with Emma's Place on this walk, provided assistance in securing the park permit and license for the event, and generously donated to the walk.
- **John Coscia of AJC Advisors and husband of Lynn Coscia** (who is an integral member of the Emma's Place fundraising committee) kindly sponsored the walk with a substantial donation.

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At Emma's Place you will:

- Be supported by those who have journeyed through their own path of grief.
- Find a community of welcoming, caring, and committed individuals who will listen.
- Learn healthy grief processing in a private, safe-setting which facilitates healing while offering the hope and tools to move forward to a meaningful life.



In-person:

Bi-weekly – 1st & 3rd Thursdays

Little's Ages 4-5 at 3:30 pm – with Counselors Dr. Carolyn Taverner & Olivia Cimino
Children Ages 6-10 at 4:00pm with Carolyn & Olivia

Virtually:

Bi-weekly - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Tweens Ages 11-14 at 4:30pm with Counselors Jessica (Jessie) Capuozzo & Christina McCarthy

Teens Ages 15-17 at 5:30pm with Jessica (Jessie) & Christina

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We Rely on YOU:

Our Center is supported through donations, grants, memorials and bequests; which will allow us to provide grief services, at no cost, to children and families in the community.

If you would like to support Emma's Place and help grieving children and families you can:

- Mail a check, made out to Staten Island Grief Center, to:
Emma's Place
P.O. Box 10311
Staten Island, NY 10301
- Donate online at:
www.emmasplacesi.org/donate

Emma's Place staff members are also available for training and educational presentations. To contact us please call:
347.850.2322
or email:
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We greatly appreciate your generosity!

Emma's Place Volunteer - Brittany S. DeCicco – Finds Joy in Giving Back

Our wonderful volunteer, Brittany, explains how she came to be an Emma's Place volunteer:

Eleven years ago, at the age of eleven, on a normal Monday, on January 25, 2011, as I was getting ready for school, I found out that my dad had died. I lost my father suddenly and unexpectedly. I was such a big daddy's girl. I had lost my best friend and partner in crime. He was the fun dad, always taxiing me and my friends around, splurging on treats, and coaching (our admittedly terrible) soccer team. He brought joy into every room he walked in to. That was my dad! After he died, friends and family were around to show their love and support, but I still felt incredibly alone. Along with other amazing people in my life, Karen and Carolyn* stepped in and helped 11-year-old me work through the immense amount of grief I had been trying to deal with on my own. I was not a child who would easily talk about her feelings, but over time I grew to love and engage in the bereavement groups I attended and began to open up, expressing more of what I was holding on to. I can never express how truly grateful I am to Karen and Carolyn. However, this past January, Karen reached out to me about volunteering with Emma's Place, and now, I could not be more overjoyed to lend a hand to the community that did so much for me as a child. -- By: Brittany S. DeCicco

If you would like to volunteer for Emma's Place, please contact us via email or telephone.

**(Karen Goldman and Carolyn Taverner, Founder and Co-Founder of Emma's Place)*

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

Nicholas Garcia, "paid it forward" to Emma's Place after receiving a grant from the Hershey Foundation to give back to a charity of his choice. Nicholas' mom, Farah Garcia, a Staten Island teacher, has always taken Nicholas to volunteer for different charities since he was young. Farah learned about Emma's Place through a counselor at her school. When she told Nicholas about us, he decided to use his grant to give something to the children who attend groups at Emma's Place. Nicholas and Farah, created comfort care bags for the children, each containing a teddy bear, sunglasses, a journal and a pencil. Nicholas and his mother delivered these gifts to the children at Emma's Place on May 12th. Emma's Place was honored Nicholas chose us!

