



# THE GRIEF BRIEF

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

Emma's Place Inaugural Fundraising Walk – A Walk to Remember – June 4, 2022, Clove Lakes Park

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## Emma's Place Makes Great Strides at Their Inaugural Fundraising Walk *A Walk to Remember*

Approximately 100 Staten Islanders came together in support, community, and hope on Saturday, June 4, 2022 in Clove Lakes Park to participate in Emma's Place (EP) Inaugural Fundraising Walk – A Walk to Remember. Families and individuals walk or ran to honor and support their friends and neighbors who are dealing with losses, or to remember loved ones they have lost. The warmth felt by all those involved matched the bright sunshine that permeated the atmosphere of the day.

In the spirit of sharing, there were fun and meaningful activities in addition to the walk. The children attending were delighted with the face painting table, lawn games, and FDNY firetruck tours. Thanks to EP Fundraising Committee member, Marina Perazzo and her family, all attendees were able to enjoy the treats at Bueno's Bakery Table and Joe Tacaronte provided his delicious Bearded Barbeque NYC sliders. The lively music of our Eric Hines added to the festivities. The face painting table was, hosted by our EP counselors, volunteers, fundraising committee, and board members, who pooled their talents. Sincere thanks to: Jozette Carter-Williams Saquana Johnson, Luanda Rivera, Lynn Coscia, Taylor Mulligan, Laura McCarthy, Marina Perazzo and her daughter Allie, who also brought her soccer team friends to walk. Hayley Bond-Miss Outstanding Teen of Staten Island and Nicole Doz-Miss Staten Island Volunteered at the bakery and face painting tables.

The District Attorney of Richmond County, Mike McMahon, stopped by to say a few encouraging words, and Karen Goldman, and Dr. Carolyn Taverner, founders of EP, facilitated a One Minute Circle of Silence with the crowd after the walk/run. CTV interviewed Karen and Carolyn, and EP Board Members, Joseph Patella, and Laura McCarthy. We were also proud to have, Patty Papaleo from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), the NYC Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Support Services, and Northfield Bank, offering outreach and information at the event.

EP would like to give their heartfelt thanks and sincere gratitude to our sponsors: View 360 Construction Inc., Kiwanis Club of Brighton, John Coscia, T & T Tower Elevator, Northfield Bank, Joe Ferrera, Summus Highland, LTD., the Law Firm of Paul A. Sarcona, PC, Lorraine Lods, and Dennis Surmanek. The walk would not have been possible without them.

Karen's touching and meaningful words, sum up the event perfectly, "Today was about building relationships with our Staten Island community and reaching out to those who are grieving to let them know that they don't have to grieve alone. Emma's Place is here for you whenever you need us."

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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.

## EMMA'S PLACE GROUP SCHEDULE

### 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) Capuzzo & 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:

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Emma's Place  
P.O. Box 10311  
Staten Island, NY 10301
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We greatly appreciate your generosity!

## Emma's Place Walk to Remember Photo Gallery

