



THE GRIEF BRIEF

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

Emma's Place Children Preparing Care Boxes for Staten Island Seniors

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EMMA'S PLACE SPREADS THE LOVE

Jozette Carter-Williams, Emma's Place newest Board Member, and Founding Member of the Emma's Place Advisory Board facilitated the **Adopt a Senior Fundraiser for Valentine's Day**.

As part of the fundraiser, the Emma's Place children had the honor of preparing care boxes for the seniors which consisted of Valentine's Day Cards and decorations created by the children, cookies donated by **Cutest Cookies**, and red carnations donated by **Flowers by Bernard**. This activity connected the children with seniors and also taught the children the joy of giving back.

Emma's Place staff delivered the care boxes to the West Brighton Senior Center, and participants at ACT (Adults Communicating Together), Senior Day Care Center. CEO, Ann Selfridge at ACT and other caregivers at these sites assisted with the deliveries.

This event raised \$5,300, including a \$2,000 donation from the **Richmond County Savings Foundation**, and other very generous donations from **Flowers by Bernard** (Thanks for the beautiful carnations!) **120th Precinct Community Council, KCM Plumbing, Attorney Lawrence Giardina, Diane DiSalvo, Maryanne Russo Menoni, and Northwell Health / SIUH**. Thank you all for your wonderful support of Emma's Place.

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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.



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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:
info@emmasplacesi.org

We greatly appreciate your generosity!

In-person:

Bi-weekly – 1st & 3rd Thursdays
Littles 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 4:30 with Counselors Jessica (Jessie) Capuozzo & Christina McCarthy
Teens Ages 15-17 at 5:30pm with Jessica (Jessie) & Christina

WELCOME EMMA'S PLACE NEW BOARD MEMBER

Jozette Carter-Williams is a bank manager at Empire State Bank on Victory Blvd. She first emailed, Karen Goldman, the founder of Emma's Place with an interest in our mission and fundraising for us. The work of Emma's Place hits very close to home for Ms. Carter-Williams. She lost her police officer husband 20 years ago when her son was just six years old, and she wished that EP was there for her and her son at that time.

Jozette is passionate about advancing the work of Emma's Place. With her knowledge in fundraising, her uplifting personality, and networking abilities she is a perfect, energetic board member. Jozette is leading Emma's Place Fundraising Committee, as we prepare for a large fundraiser in June: Emma's Place – A Walk to Remember in Clove Lakes Park. She is overseeing reaching out to community organizations and businesses to collaborate with us to have a successful, fun-filled fundraiser. Look out for more details on this exciting event!

SPRING REMEMBRANCE ACTIVITY

Below is a suggested activity you could do with a child who is missing a loved one this spring.

Materials: Drawing Paper, Pencils, Crayons, Colored Pencils and/or Markers.

Purpose of Activity: To help children see that their loved one has planted seeds within them that will continue to help them as they grow. Below are the instructions for you to tell the child:

1. Just as there are seeds beneath the ground that we don't see in the winter, but they are helping the flowers that we see in the spring grow, your lost loved one has planed seeds within you with their love that will grow with you.
2. Think about the seeds that your lost loved one has planted within you. For example, this can be coaching your baseball team, teaching you how to bake, sharing a love of dance with you, etc.
3. Draw a picture of the ground in a garden and then some flowers in the garden.
4. On the part of the drawing with the ground, write about some seeds your loved one has planted within you.
5. Draw flowers, and on each flower, write or draw another picture on how you will use the seeds your loved one planted within you to help you grow.

