



THE GRIEF BRIEF

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

EMMA'S PLACE CHILDREN GIVE AND RECEIVE LOVE

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On Valentine's Day, the Emma's Place children got to know the joy of a very special circle of love, as they experienced both giving and receiving love.



They gave love by showing appreciation for the therapy dogs from Luv on a Leash provided by the Pride Center of Staten Island. The Emma's Place children put



their hearts into making a special pull toy for the dogs. As you can see from the pictures, it is hard to say

whether the children or the dogs had more fun playing with the toys! (See page 4 for more photos of the day!)



The Emma's Place Children received a bundle of love when they were given Valentine's Day cards made by the Psychology Club at Wagner College where Dr. Carolyn Taverner, co-founder of Emma's Place, teaches.

The photo above shows the beautiful cards they received. The joy in the children's faces show how much it meant to them to receive the cards. Our hearts are filled with so much gratitude for the amazing psychology students at Wagner College!

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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 Emma's Place, 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!



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Dates and Times

In Person:

Littles Ages 4-5
Children Ages 6-10
Tweens Ages 11-14
Teens Ages 15-17

Upon Request: In-person individual counseling sessions

EMMA'S PLACE BOWLING FUNDRAISING EVENT

You could literally hear a pin drop, or more like hundreds of pins drop, at the Bowling Night Fundraising event at Rab's Country Lanes on the evening of Saturday, March 7th.

Emma's Place would like to thank everyone in the Staten Island Community who joined us at this amazing bowling event that was created to help raise funds for **Emma's Place, Seamen's Society, and The Noble Maritime Collection**. This was the first time that Emma's Place teamed-up with two other non-profits to raise funds. The heartwarming feeling we usually experience at our events was tripled thanks to this special collaboration.

The staff at Rab's Country Lanes was extremely kind and helpful as they made sure all the names on our separate bowling teams were entered accurately into the computer at each lane, the appropriate shoes were delivered to each bowler, and we were all nourished by their delicious pizza.

Children and adults alike jumped and cheered, as they or one of their team members got that elusive strike or spare. There was a sense of camaraderie, joy, and connection as we all sent our balls spinning down the lanes.

Thanks to the support and generosity of all participants, the event was a huge success! We also offer special appreciation to our event sponsors:

FDE Services, Northfield Bank, Pride Center of Staten Island, David and Kim Gaskin, and a huge amount of gratitude to the **Staten Island Foundation** for including Emma's Place, Seamen's Society, and The Noble Maritime Collection in the Foundation's Diamond Matching Grant Program!

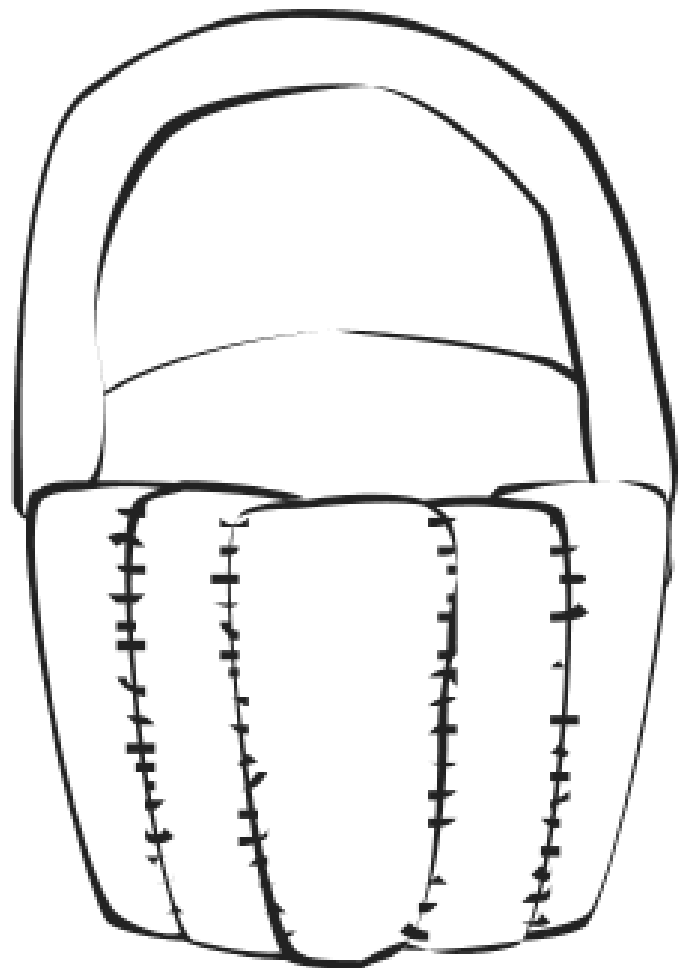
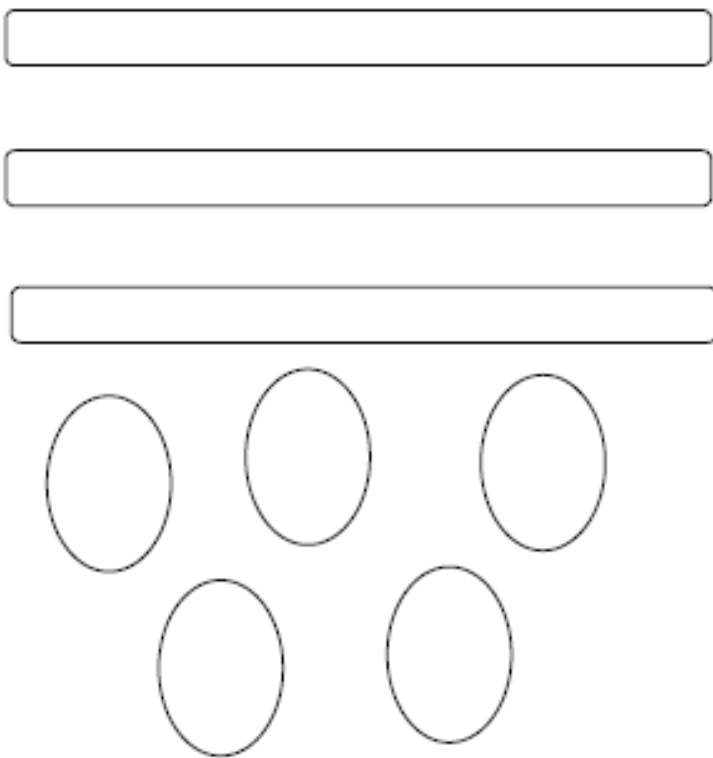
(Please go to page 4 to see more great photos of the event)



The love we share with someone helps to shape us into the person that we are, and we always carry that love with us. Also, the things we have shared with that person will always be interwoven within us.

For this activity you will need the basket, eggs, and strips below.

- On each egg, write about the way the love we shared with our loved one helped shape us into the person we are now.
- On the strips, write about the things we shared with our loved one that will always be part of who we are.
- Color the eggs, strips, and basket.
- Cut-out the eggs and paste them on top of the basket.
- Cut-out the strips of paper and weave them within the slits on the basket.
- Keep the basket as a reminder of how you always carry the love of your loved one with you.



EMMA'S PLACE PHOTO GALLERY – VALENTINE'S DAY ACTIVITY & BOWLING FUNRAISER

