OUR STORY AND SPONSORS

Camp Good Grief was founded in 2009 by lifelong Staten Islanders whose own children suffered the loss of a parent when they were young, as well as the loss of their brother in the World Trade Center on 9/11. Camp is made possible by the generosity of individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations.

We accept referrals from the public, parochial and private schools from pre-school through high school, social service agencies, the clergy from all denominations, hospitals and their affiliates, allied businesses such as pharmacies and funeral homes, local service groups, sports and recreation groups and supportive individuals throughout our community.

If you would like to refer someone to camp please contact us at: 888 507-4474.

WHERE IS CAMP?

Camp Good Grief takes place at the JCC Manor Road Campus at 1466 Manor Road. It’s a beautiful, modern facility where our campers enjoy a weekend of fun and healing.

“My son was very sad over the loss of his dad. At camp, he spent the weekend smiling and laughing. It was just what he needed.”

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WHY DO WE NEED A CAMP FOR GRIEVING CHILDREN?

While children and teens may sometimes appear unaffected by a significant loss, their exterior often masks a fearful interior with limited skills for communicating feelings of loss and sadness. Camp Good Grief of Staten Island provides an opportunity to help bereaved families cope with these special needs. We don't want kids to grieve alone.

“Camp was amazing! I made friends that I think I will keep for my whole life.”

OUR MISSION

1. Provide a safe setting for children and teens to grieve the loss of a loved one and share their experiences with their peers.
2. Provide feelings of hope and a sense of community.
3. Provide coping skills and a place for creativity while having fun.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Camp Good Grief is open to all Staten Island children and teens ages 7 to 17 who have experienced a significant loss. Our camp is staffed by security-screened, trained counselors, social workers and volunteers who facilitate healthy grieving. We organize camp by age groups so our children can benefit from being with others who have had a similar loss and feel comfortable expressing themselves without fear of ridicule, teasing or stigmatization.

WHAT HAPPENS AT CAMP?

Camp Good Grief provides a supportive WEEKEND experience for children and teens to express themselves, create positive memories, facilitate bonding and support each other. Everyone participates in art, music, drama, sports, play, team building activities and a non religious ceremony.

Beginning on Friday afternoon, campers engage in a wide range of activities till the close of camp on Sunday at noon. Our campers play basketball, master the climbing wall, meet friendly zoo critters, create memory boxes, strike yoga poses, rock out at the dance party and make life long friends.