

## Don't let one terrible loss lead to another

Parents and guardians may be reluctant to encourage children to express their grief. Or, they may simply not know how to help their children deal with the loss of a loved one. But these inactions could be detrimental to a child's emotional healing and development. Children need an opportunity to say goodbye, share feelings and deal with emotions.

Children and teens that are not supported during grief can develop serious emotional and behavioral problems that follow them throughout their lives.

At Suncoast Kid's Place, we help families, teens, and children work through this very important grieving process.



## A journey begins with a single step

Call Suncoast Kid's Place so that a staff member can take basic information and place your family into appropriate groups.

For more information or to register, please call us at **813.990.0216** or visit: [www.suncoastkidsplace.org](http://www.suncoastkidsplace.org)

### Mission

The mission of Suncoast Kid's Place is to provide support for families, children and teens, from 3-18 years of age who have experienced the death of a significant person in their lives, as an ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ.

### Fees and Contributions

As a ministry of Van Dyke Church, no fee is charged for those who participate. We trust that God will provide the necessary contributions and volunteers to make this program possible. Tax deductible contributions are welcomed from individuals, families, businesses and organizations who share our vision.

Suncoast Kid's Place is an organizational member of the



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## The long road to healing begins here

Most families do not have the resources to cope with the incredibly difficult grieving process following a traumatic loss, especially when young children and teenagers are involved. Suncoast Kid's Place provides understanding and support in a safe and nurturing environment. Children, teens and families can share their experience as they move through the process of grieving the loss of a loved one.

Through peer groups, discussion, education and play, Suncoast Kid's Place provides the resources necessary to help families grieve a devastating loss, while also finding strength and joy in the shared memories of someone special. Here, participants have the opportunity to meet others who have also experienced the death of a parent, primary caretaker, sibling, friend or other significant person.



This program is free of charge and available to all families regardless of when the loss occurred.

Grouped together by age categories, children and teens participate twice a month in 90 minute sessions that include both talking time and play time. During the sessions, participants are encouraged to express their feelings and thoughts through play and activities. Children have fun coming to Suncoast Kid's Place and being with peers who have also experienced a loss. All groups are led by a professional staff member and trained volunteer facilitators. We also have therapy dogs at our group sessions for the kids and teens to enjoy.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend the adult group that meets concurrently with every children's group. An adult must remain on campus.

Suncoast Kid's Place does not provide private therapy.



## Locations

### Main Location

17030 Lakeshore Road  
Lutz, FL 33558

### Bell Shoals Baptist Church

2102 Bell Shoals Road  
Brandon, FL 33511  
[www.bellshoals.com](http://www.bellshoals.com)

FREE on-site childcare available  
at some locations



### Our Community Programs

#### include:

- Children's Cancer Center
- In school groups
- After school programs
- Juvenile detention centers
- Etc...

Contact us for more information  
about our locations

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