

Suncoast Kids Place:
Family Update
November 2011



COMMUNITY ART SHOW—

Expressions of

Grief & Hope

Art by Grieving Children & Teens

Our kids have begun creating their masterpieces that will be on display at this very amazing art show. In groups, we will be working on various mediums of art that display the children's feelings and emotions as they are working through their grief and towards a place of acceptance and hope for the future. Please mark your calendars for **Friday, November 4th, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm** for the opening reception of the show.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE! Artwork will be accepted for submission until Tuesday, Nov. 1st. This masterpiece can be any medium of art: sculpture, poetry, musical lyrics, paintings, photography etc. The only requirement is that **IT MUST PERTAIN TO THE FEELINGS AND THE HEALING THAT THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED THROUGH THEIR GRIEF JOURNEY.**

CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY—NOVEMBER 17, 2011

We here at Suncoast Kids Place, as well as many of our families, are all too familiar with what grief does to a child; their grief is many times so misunderstood. After a loved one has died, a child can pick up their daily routine and certainly look "normal". Yet, there is a hole that is left inside; they feel set apart from others, different from their peers who have not experienced the painful feelings that they are feeling inside. Often times, they feel very alone! Children's Grief Awareness Day is a day in which we support the children in our community that are grieving. It is a day to educate the community, schools and businesses and bring awareness about children and their grief.

Won't you please help us to get this special message out into our community! **It is as easy as wearing the color BLUE on Thursday, November, 17th.** Have your teachers and students, co-workers and friends wear **BLUE** and tell them the reason **WHY!** If you need additional ideas of how you can help bring awareness to this very special day, please call us at (813) 990-0216. You can get more information about Children's Grief Awareness Day at www.childrensgriefawarenessday.org. We need the help of everyone to bring awareness to the community!

13th ANNUAL NATIONAL SURVIVOR'S SUICIDE DAY—

Saturday, November 19th 2011, 9:00 am—2:00 pm
Van Dyke Church in Bldg. C, Rm. 211.

A time of support and comfort for those that have lost a loved one to suicide. Experts on Suicide will share information on what is currently known about suicide and grief through an online simulcast. If you, or someone that you may know, can benefit from this time of comfort and hope, please join us for this amazing time of encouragement.

SAVE THE DATE:



SUNCOAST KIDS PLACE

HOLIDAY MEMORIAL GATHERING

Friday, December 9th, 2011 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

A special night is planned for all of our families! You will be truly blessed!

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