



# Bereavement Resource Guide



**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION**  
**DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND**

*Faith, Hope, and Remembrance*

## Helpful places to find Grief Support:

This Support list is in no particular order and is not a comprehensive list of all services available. There are many Grief Support resources. These are the commonly used resources in our area.

### Catholic Cemeteries Association Bereavement Support - [www.cleccem.org](http://www.cleccem.org)

Free of charge; Open support group sessions held monthly on the 3rd Sunday of each month (4th Sunday if holiday falls on the 3rd Sunday). Rhonda Abrams/Bereavement Coordinator [rabrams@cleccem.org](mailto:rabrams@cleccem.org) 216/930-4866

#### 3 – 4:00 pm In-Person Grief Support – Meets in main office buildings

All Saints, Northfield | 480 W. Highland Road

All Souls, Chardon | 10366 Chardon Road

Calvary Cleveland | 10000 Miles Avenue

Holy Cross, Akron | 100 E Waterloo Road

Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brook Park Road

St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road

#### 5 - 6:00 pm Virtual Grief Support group meets via Zoom

Sign-up at <https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup> to receive login information and to download the handout materials. You can join virtually from any Wi-Fi enabled area via computer, laptop, smartphone, or even without Wi-Fi (via audio only) from your analog phone. If you do not have Wi-Fi or email, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

*Your RSVP for both In-Person and Virtual Grief Support is appreciated but not required to attend.*

#### “A Closer Walk With Thee” – CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter:

This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, go to the sign up form at <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Rhonda at [rabrams@cleccem.org](mailto:rabrams@cleccem.org) or 216-930-4866.

**Local parishes** – Various parishes have existing Grief Support groups. If yours does not, let us help you start one at your parish.

**Saint Christopher Parish** – 20141 Detroit Road, Rocky River OH 44116 contact Melissa DiFini 440-331-4255 ext. 105 or [mdifini@stchrisparish.com](mailto:mdifini@stchrisparish.com)

Open Grief Support Group, 2nd Tuesdays starting July 11, 2023 2:00 – 3:00pm Prayer Room

7-Week Closed Grief Support Group, January, April, and October

### Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland

Central Intake Helpline 1-800-860-7373 Mon – Fri 8am – 4pm

General Information 216-334-2900

Emergency Assistance 216-781-8262

Counseling/Addictive Service 216-391-2030

Marriage/Family Life Office 216-332-2974

Geauga County 440-285-3537

Lake County 440-352-6191

### United Way First Call for Help - dial 211 24/7 Helpline

18,000+ Government, health and social service programs

Certified Community Response Specialists (Includes grief support)

**Frontline Service – 24/7 Crisis Hotline 216-623-6888**

Reaching out to adults and children in Northeast Ohio to end homelessness, prevent suicide, resolve behavioral health crises, and overcome trauma.

**Ohio Care Line: - 24/7 Mental Health Careline**

1-800-720-9616

Confidential support in times of personal or family crisis when individuals may be struggling to cope with challenges in their lives.

When callers need additional services, they will receive assistance and connection to local providers.

**Cornerstone of Hope - [www.cornerstoneofhope.org](http://www.cornerstoneofhope.org)**

216-524-HOPE (4673) or 3787

Independence OH, Lima OH, and Columbus OH

*Individual, Group, and Telehealth (Virtual) Grief Support Services* - Grief support groups have a specialized curriculum according to the type of loss experienced and are designed to support the unique needs of the grievers. <https://cornerstoneofhope.org/cleveland/support-groups/>

**Holy Family Hospice (St. Augustine Health Ministries)**

440-888-7722 - Erin or Carrie

Cleveland (West)

[www.staugministries.org/holy-family-hospice/grief-spiritual-support/](http://www.staugministries.org/holy-family-hospice/grief-spiritual-support/)

Bereavement services for anyone in the community experiencing loss due to death, *even if your loved one was not a Holy Family patient.*

- Up to 13 months of grief counseling and support to spouses, family members and close friends of a loved one
- Supportive phone calls to family members who have lost a loved one
- Bereavement counseling for individuals and families
- Eight-week grief support groups
- Monthly on-going support groups
- Monthly Memorial Mass
- Education resources

**Hospice of the Western Reserve**

Cleve (East) 216-486-6838, Medina 330-725-1900 or 800-700-4771, available on-site, in home, and other locations.

Services available to the entire Northern Ohio region.

[www.hospicewr.org/patients-and-caregivers/grief-and-loss](http://www.hospicewr.org/patients-and-caregivers/grief-and-loss)

**The Gathering Place**

Cancer Support

(Beachwood and Westlake) 216-595-9546

[www.touchedbycancer.org/resources/grief-loss](http://www.touchedbycancer.org/resources/grief-loss)

**Stewart's Caring Place**

Cancer Support

(West Akron) 330-836-1772

[www.stewartscaringplace.org/programs-and-services/support-groups/](http://www.stewartscaringplace.org/programs-and-services/support-groups/)

## **The Compassionate Friends**

Loss of a child

877-969-0010 to find closest location

Parma chapter 440-327-8678, Gates Mills chapter 216-586-7144, Mentor chapter 440-479-0225

[www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

## **Joel's Place**

For grieving children ages 5 – 18;

Support group for parents and caregivers meets simultaneously.

440-248-4412 Avon, Bay Village (Cleve – West)

[www.joelsplaceforchildren.org](http://www.joelsplaceforchildren.org)

## **Becky Verner “Yoga to Remember”**

A remembrance-themed yoga practice that consists of gentle yoga, breathwork, and meditation.

<https://www.beckyverneryoga.com/contact>

## **Kelly's Grief Center**

Kent, OH

330-593-5959

[www.kellysgriefcenter.org](http://www.kellysgriefcenter.org)

## **The Grief Care Place**

Stow, OH

330-686-1750

[www.thegriefcareplace.org](http://www.thegriefcareplace.org)

## **HEAL (Helping Each Other After Loss)**

Pregnancy/Early infant loss

216-884-8254 Cleveland

## **Red Bird Ministries**

The Diocese of Cleveland Marriage and Family Ministry office is a chapter organization. This parish ministry program systematically guides individuals and couples through the complexity and trauma that happens with the loss of child from pregnancy through adulthood. Contact Teresa Yohman, (216) 696-6525 ext. 2322 or [tyohman@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:tyohman@dioceseofcleveland.org)

## **NAMI – National Alliance on Mental Illness**

The nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. Peer to Peer Support – Family Support – Counseling; Support Groups; Education. – Advocacy.

<https://www.nami.org/findsupport> 800-950-NAMI or if in a crisis, text “NAMI” to 741741

NAMI (Geauga County) - “Growth Through Grief” Support Group – Support after suicide and other traumatic deaths. Adults 18 and older. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month 7p to 8:30p

440-286-6264 - [www.namigeauga.org](http://www.namigeauga.org)

NAMI (Greater Cleveland) - <https://namigreatercleveland.org/> - Helpline 216-875-7776

NAMI (Medina County) - <https://namimedinacounty.org/> - Helpline 1-800-273-8255

NAMI (Summit County) - <https://namisummit.org/> - Helpline 330-252-1188

NAMI (Portage County) - <http://www.namiportagecounty.org> – Helpline 570-801-0516

## **GriefShare**

Weekly 13-week program based on video classes, group discussion, and personal study reflection.

[www.griefshare.org/groups/search](http://www.griefshare.org/groups/search) to find closest group

**Cleveland Clinic** <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/patients/information/bereavement>  
330-668-4672 or 800-335-1455 ext. 84672 or Hotline 844-20-GRIEF (47433)  
Monthly drop-in groups, and weekly 6-8-week Intensive support group sessions  
Virtual Grief Support signup – 216-444-9819  
Main Campus (Cleveland – East)  
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Health Center (East Cleveland)  
Fairview Hospital Wellness Center (Rocky River)  
Hillcrest Hospital (Mayfield Hts.)  
Justin T. Rogers Hospice Care Center (Akron)  
Online Grief Resources (Articles, education, interviews, blogs, etc.)

## Helpful Websites

### What's Your Grief

Grief/bereavement education for adults, teens and children; specializing in social media resource sharing including video, music, and articles.

<https://whatsyourgrief.com/>

### Open to Hope

Video interviews, articles, and blogs.

[www.opentohope.com](http://www.opentohope.com)

### Living With Loss

Bereavement magazine.

[www.livingwithloss.com](http://www.livingwithloss.com)

### Center For Loss & Life Transition

Books and resources through the Alan Wolfelt, PhD, Center for Loss Program.

[www.centerforloss.com](http://www.centerforloss.com)

### The Grief Recovery Method

Bereavement support for adults (Intensive).

[www.griefrecoverymethod.com](http://www.griefrecoverymethod.com)

### Grief Watch

Resources for bereaved families.

[www.griefwatch.com](http://www.griefwatch.com)

### The Compassionate Friends

National bereavement support group locator.

[www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

### Grief Healing

Bereavement support blog.

[www.griefhealing.com](http://www.griefhealing.com)

### My Grief Angels

Nonprofit online bereavement support and education organization.

[www.mygriefangels.org](http://www.mygriefangels.org)

**Grief.com**

Provides resources on grieving and lists of grief counselors and support groups.

[www.grief.com](http://www.grief.com)

**Good-Grief**

Child grief support and school advocacy - Teaching resiliency and facilitating healthy coping for children and their families

<https://good-grief.org/>

**Silent Tears**

Facebook group to share personal stories of loss and connect with others.

[www.facebook.com/groups/1634957423474254/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1634957423474254/)

**Griefshare.org**

Resource to find support groups in your area

[www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)

**Hope for the Broken Hearted**

Resources and encouragement for grief and loss.

[www.hopeforthebrokenhearted.com](http://www.hopeforthebrokenhearted.com)

If you have others that you would like us to consider adding to the list, please email us at [email@clecem.org](mailto:email@clecem.org).

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