Here’s something Center staff and volunteers hear often: “I’m so glad the Center provides its important services—and I hope I never need them.” Understandable.

For a child or parent, needing help from the Center means a loved one has died or an immediate family member is seriously ill. For a student or employee, it can mean a classmate, teacher, or work colleague has died. For groups of Portland students who receive Center services, it means having endured life in war-ravaged countries and refugee camps before resettling in Maine.

Clearly, no one would choose those devastating experiences. Thankfully, those who experience them can find support from the Center for Grieving Children.

Thanks to You

At the Center, our staff and trained volunteers encourage the young people and families we help to move in their own way through the experiences of loss and grief. They begin to heal, and to find hope.

And you make sure the Center is here for them.

You are the individuals, businesses, and organizations making financial gifts and volunteering for the Center in so many capacities.

You fuel the multiple impacts of the Center’s work, with every grieving child who finds love and understanding, every family that regains strength after heartbreaking loss, and every school and workplace where students and staff find support in times of grief.

The long-term result is a stronger community—as strong as the families that live there.

Hear from some of the people who know us best in our 2012 Report to the Community. It offers a sample of what you helped the Center accomplish, during the year we celebrated 25 years of helping more than 66,000 children and families find hope.

Why Grief Support?

More than one in seven American children and teens face the death of their parent, brother, or sister. For additional young people, a parental figure, often a grandparent or care giver, dies.

It can be devastating. As one grief specialist summarized recently, “Just about everything bad you can think of can happen to a child or teen when the person who took care of them dies.”

Conversely, research shows that children who receive reliable and appropriate support at this difficult time are less likely to suffer anxiety or depression, have problems in school, abuse alcohol and drugs, and die by suicide.
Our Heroes

From Executive Director Anne Lynch

Our 25th Anniversary Volunteer Reunion and Recognition party at summer's end was the scene of hugs and laughter among people whose dedication to the Center makes every one of them worthy of recognition and thanks. Several of them received special awards.

The Center’s President’s Award recognized two people’s outstanding service. Paul Attardo, Portland, and Steve Hart, Yarmouth, are long-time volunteer facilitators and team coordinators. They model the principles of the Center, and give strength and inspiration to other facilitators.

Named for the Center’s founder to recognize individuals who support children and families dealing with illness and loss, the Bill Hemmens Award was presented to Bruce St. Thomas, Peaks Island. A Center consultant, Bruce helped found our Multicultural Program 15 years ago, and has also advised the Center’s work at America’s Camp.

Eight other volunteers received Unsung Hero awards, representing our volunteers in different capacities. They are: Chris Gould, office volunteer; Kathryn Diggs, Nancy Kellar, and Janice Zurlo, York County volunteers; Sheryl Plummer, Tender Living Care facilitator; Destiny Cook, event volunteer; Tony Parise, bereavement peer support facilitator; and Joan Uraneck, Multicultural program volunteer and member of the Intercultural Advisory Council.

Congratulations to all of them, and thank you to every volunteer who makes the Center’s work possible.

Thank you, one and all!

Our 2012 Paul Gray Memorial Swing “Fore” the Center in September was a memorable event in tribute to Paul Gray, a former Center board member and leader with MaineHealth and Maine Medical Center, who died in 2011. We deeply appreciate the help from Paul’s family and former colleagues that combined with support from 32 golf teams and local business sponsors to generate $55,000 from a great golf outing and evening Awards Dinner at The Purpoodock Club in Cape Elizabeth.

More than 50 Center FundRacers and 50 volunteers participated in the 2012 TD Beach to Beacon 10K in August. Our ranks included both people who receive and make possible Center services. With their help, and a gift of $30,000 from the TD Charitable Foundation, the Center became the organization that has raised the most support in its “B2B” beneficiary year, more than $65,000.

From left, the Center’s Nancy Thompson and Anne Lynch, Beth DeTine and Sarah Gray, and Maine Health’s Don Quigley and Bill Caron
Celebration, Accomplishment, and Thanks

Over and again, we hear it said: there’s no place in Maine like the Center for Grieving Children.

When the serious illness or death of a loved one occurs, individuals and families need immediate information and longer-term support. The Center delivers both, and helps others do so, by combining staff-driven outreach and education services with peer-support programs that rely on trained volunteers.

In any year, we accomplish a lot. This year, we celebrated 25 years with results like these:

- **Answered the Most Calls Ever**—The Center took more calls last year than ever before. In fact, over the last three years, the number of calls has more than doubled. Cancer, suicide, heart disease, and accidents mean families need help.

- **Expanded Service**—Achieving a milestone last fall, the Center opened a York County site in Sanford. Online, our new Web site, e-alerts, and strong social-media outreach made grief resources available day and night.

- **Attracted Record Involvement**—From the two boys and babysitter who sold home-baked cookies, to the volunteers, donors, and sponsors who contributed thousands of hours and dollars, we celebrated record-breaking involvement.

**Most important? We continued free service for families.** Recognizing that illness and death can bring serious financial as well as emotional challenges, the Center makes services free of charge, thanks to community support.

“It seemed like an avalanche.”

From a local college came this message last year: “There’s a student in my nursing class who says the Center changed her life. You should talk with her. . .”

That’s how we were reunited with 25-year-old Kelly Casey.

When she was 15 years old and a student at Deering High School, she discovered her dad had collapsed from a heart attack. He died in the ambulance, on the way to the hospital.

Within the next six months, three of her friends also experienced the death of a parent. “It seemed like an avalanche,” she said.

Kelly’s mom became deeply concerned about her daughter, who was feeling disoriented and exhibiting signs of depression. Mom turned to the Center for Grieving Children, and Kelly began meeting in a bereavement peer support group for teens.

“I needed the Center, and I went there throughout high school,” Kelly said. “It was so important to me. Even if I had a crazy busy week at school, or a tennis team match, or whatever, I went to the Center.”

Kelly says peer support “saved” her. Hearing what other teens were facing—sometimes, multiple losses—and seeing them learn to cope, inspired her. Her experiences at the Center continue to help her reach out to other who have experienced substantial loss and grief.

“My time at the Center truly has made me the person I am today. It was such a great experience. I couldn’t be more thankful.”

“I needed the Center.”
Impact:

"Amazing" Hope and Healing

From its founding, the Center's foundation has been the volunteer-based peer support model of grief support.

Last year, 350 young people and adults met in age-specific peer groups facilitated by trained volunteers who were supervised by Center staff and consultants.

They shared experiences, memories, feelings, and silence. They participated in art-making, play, and performance. Connections enhanced healing, as grieving families drew strength from one another.

Bereavement Peer Support Groups in Portland and Sanford met weekly last year for children and their families. In Portland, additional peer support groups met weekly for bereaved parents, and twice a month for bereaved spouses/partners.

A parent in Portland last year noted her group found “great healing by simply sharing our pain, hopes, and rememberings,” while a parent in Sanford said of her group, “I don’t know how I lived without it.”

For their part, young people ranked what they liked best:
1) “Having a place to share feelings,”
2) “Talking about the person who died,” and
3) “The activities we did!”

Tender Living Care (TLC) peer support groups also met weekly in Portland, serving nearly 70 families living with the serious illness of a family member.

Available to families from the day their family member is diagnosed, the TLC program supports hope and helps families living with illness and uncertainty communicate in ways that can bring them closer together.

Last year, as in other years, staff and volunteers with the program made visits to families when the ill person was hospitalized or dying.

From feedback last year:
“The program has provided real and effective solutions that help take the pressure off me as a caregiver, which allows me to be a better husband and father.”
“Words cannot adequately describe the immeasurable support.”
“My son hates to miss a session. That says a lot.”

Multicultural Peer Support, in partnership with Portland schools, worked with peer groups of elementary and middle-school students resettled in Maine from countries that have experienced war and genocide.

The year was busy! Local musicians helped students produce and record “Inner Strength,” a CD album of songs exploring their feelings about isolation, war, and racism as well as the healing power of faith and love. Interns from the University of Southern Maine produced “From the Heart,” a film exploring how different cultures respond to loss, and how family dynamics change during resettlement. And the program formed an Intercultural Advisory Group, to help enhance understanding of the resettled students’ experiences.

“My son hates to miss a session. That says a lot.”

“I had felt so awful.”

As a social worker, Susan Gaudet referred families to the Center for Grieving Children. Two years ago, she walked, haltingly, with her own family through the Center’s doors.

Susan had suffered a rare spinal cord injury that created complications. That’s why she and her daughters began weekly participation in the Center’s Tender Living Care (TLC) program.

They were hesitant at first, with her youngest daughter taking weeks to be willing to join them. But Susan’s family began to find that the “unconditional love and caring” the Center’s staff and volunteers gave them provided relief.

“As a mom, I had felt so awful, seeing how my illness was affecting each of my girls,” she said. “But at the Center, things started to feel less heavy and scary. We started to feel less alone. The Center helped heal us by giving us ways to cope and deal with my illness, and still move forward.”

Susan Gaudet and her daughters, at the Center. From left, Lizzie, Susan, Grace, Lauriana

“The Center helped heal us.”
On February 3, 2012, at the gala celebrating the Center’s 25 years of helping families find hope, Senator Olympia J. Snowe became the first recipient of the Resilience Award of the Center for Grieving Children. The award pays tribute to those whose personal resilience after tragic loss is an inspiration to others through high-level service, personal achievement, and exemplary leadership.

The following are excerpts of Senator Snowe’s acceptance remarks:

As I look back on the beginnings of this Center, I am struck by how founder Bill Hemmens transformed a personal tragedy into a phenomenal benefit for others, and an exceptional legacy. He demonstrated a rare personal resilience that inspires all of us to this day....

I know from my own life how critical it is to have a support system like this Center.... I think about the loss of my parents when I was 10 years old.... The loss of my first husband, who was killed in a car accident.... And the wrenching loss of my beloved stepson Peter when he was in college.

How to manage and, ultimately, surmount devastating trials like these has been the heroic province of this Center since its inception.... No organization has stood as a taller, brighter beacon, guiding others to safer shores, than this Center.

Impact: Awareness and Support

They came at different times of the year. Some produced sweat, tears, laughter, or all three. There was barking during at least one of them, and music from opera to heavy metal during another.

What diverse Center events had in common last year was their success raising critical financial support and spreading awareness of our services.

During our last fiscal year, generous community members like you made events like these successful:

- Center FundRacer events including the 2011 Maine Marathon, 2012 New Year’s Day Resolution Run, and 2012 Sea Dogs Mother’s Day 5K;
- Our 2011 Swing “Fore” the Center golf tournament in September, the five-day WCYY Markathon in December, and Pet and People Walk 2012 in June; and
- Celebrating Hope: Our 25th Anniversary Gala in February 2012. The Center’s top fund-raising event ever brought in $190,000—substantial support for our mission, and a tremendous tribute to all who have been part of the Center’s growth and service since its founding days.
**Who called upon the Center?**

A sample of groups receiving education, training, or grief support during the fiscal year.

**Augusta:**
- National Guard

**Biddeford:**
- Counseling Services Inc.
- Southern Maine Medical Center

**Cape Elizabeth:**
- Casco Bay Montessori
- Pond Cove Elementary
- United Methodist Church Daycare

**Cumberland Center:**
- Mabel Wilson School

**Gorham:**
- University of Southern Maine classes

**Kennebunk:**
- Dream Factory National Conference
- Rotary

**Ogunquit:**
- Rotary

**Portland:**
- Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital
- Catherine Morrill Day Nursery
- The Children’s Center
- Lyman Moore Middle School
- Lyseth Elementary School
- Maine Kids Kin
- Maine School Counselors Association
- Presumpscot Elementary School
- University of New England classes
- University of Southern Maine classes
- VNA Hospice

**Sanford:**
- Goodall Hospital
- Kiwanis
- Noble High School
- North Parish UCC
- Rotary
- Sanford Junior High and High Schools

**Scarborough:**
- Day One Peer Mentors
- Hospice of Southern Maine
- Maine Center for Cancer Medicine

**South Berwick:**
- Central School

**South Portland:**
- Aucocisco School
- Kaplan University
- Lions Club
- Mahoney Middle School
- National Guard
- Southern Maine Community College classes

**Springvale:**
- York County Community Action Coalition

**Waterboro:**
- Massabesic High School

**Wells:**
- Wells Elementary and Junior High Schools

**Chesapeake, Virginia:**
- Camp Lighthouse-Sentara Hospice

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**Financial Statistics (unaudited)**

**Revenue**

Revenue from Services $806,809
Contributions, Grants, Events, and other Community Support $805,148
Investment Loss $(1,661)

**Total Revenues** $805,148

**Expenses**

Program Services $699,198
Management and General $50,546
Fundraising $47,812

**Total Expenses** $797,556

**Profit/(Loss)** $7,592

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**Revenue by Source**

- Special Events: 36%
- Contributions: 28%
- Grants: 9%
- United Way Designated Donors: 9%
- United Way Allocation: 5%
- Misc: 3%

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**Expense Allocation**

- Program Services: 88%
- General Fundraising: 7%
- Management and General: 6%

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*The Center provides services to grieving children and families at no charge, through the tremendous generosity of our community.*

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**Impact:**

**Hours, Days, and Years of Support**

- Directly interacted with 1,500 adults and nearly 200 young people through our community outreach services to schools, workplaces, and organizations.

- Provided support by phone to nearly 1,000 callers looking for someone trained in grief support to listen to them.

- Responded to more than 440 inquiries about our peer support groups, and conducted 104 meetings with families to explore their readiness in advance of entering these groups.

- Served 350 children, teens, and adults in peer support groups in Portland and Sanford.

- Delivered 75 educational workshops and training sessions.

- Benefited from 23,000 hours of volunteer service!

- Trained 60 new volunteers to join the ranks of 140 other trained peer support group facilitators for service in Portland and Sanford.

- Finished 10 years of providing grief support at America’s Camp, which in August 2011 celebrated its last season serving hundreds of young people whose parents or siblings died in the attacks of September 11, 2001.
Impact:

**Education and Training that was “Exactly What We Needed”**

Nearly two thirds of those who received help from the Center last year accessed it through our community education and outreach services. They called the Center’s information, training, and resources “outstanding,” “generous,” and “exactly what we needed.”

**Callers got answers:** “Are my kids old enough for Grandmom’s funeral?” “How can I get help for my friend I think is suicidal?” “What should I say to my young children about a violent death in our family?”

**People from Northern Maine to Virginia asked for education and training:** Schools and colleges, hospitals and hospice centers, law enforcement staff, and more needed help learning the best ways of supporting grieving young people. Sign-ups came, too, for the Center’s highly rated training on the peer support model of grief support.

**Schools, camps, and workplaces in crisis needed help:** Just one example? When a boy at a summer camp drowned, two Center staff members traveled to the camp immediately. They provided grief support to campers and counselors, helped plan a camp memorial service, and worked with local partners to create a plan for ongoing support.

**“A Miracle” in York County**

In the spring of 2011, Caroline’s dad was playing football at home with his kids in Sanford when he suffered a heart attack and died. By late fall, 12-year-old Caroline was receiving grief support from the Center—in her own hometown.

“Going to the Center is so important to me, it’s almost hard to explain,” Caroline says. “It seems like a miracle that the Center came to Sanford.”

Our new service site within North Parish Church on Main Street in Sanford is a significant resource for local families. With 20 percent of the families we serve in Portland coming from York County, grieving families’ need for a closer-to-home site was confirmed by local advisors and supporters: school and medical staff, clergy and funeral directors, law enforcement personnel, United Way of York County, and a passionate group of York County-based volunteers for the Center.

We began service in Sanford in November 2011. In just six months, the number of families seeking support doubled, and additional volunteers signed up for training to become group facilitators. Peer groups can now meet year round. And the number of families seeking service is growing.

With community support from York County, we can continue serving families like Caroline’s in their own back yard.

“We are very excited to welcome the Center to Sanford!”
—Megan Walsh, Sanford Public Schools

“Now we have a local Center to help us give children the resources they need to find hope and life beyond loss.”
—Ed McGeachey, Southern Maine Health Care

“Sanford Institution for Savings is proud to support an organization that does so much good.”
—Deb Mullen, SIS

A $500 gift from the Beacon Charitable Corporation was one of the generous donations that helped the Center meet a $2,500 matching challenge for the Sanford site from Kennebunk Savings. From left, Audrey Beach, Joanne Croft, Kennebunk Savings President & CEO Brad Paige, and the Center’s Anne Lynch and Janice Zurlo
With Gratitude
July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012
On behalf of those we serve, thank you to everyone who has made a gift to the Center.

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Impact:
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Thank you, volunteers.

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Center volunteers complete an orientation session and a background check. Additionally, volunteers who directly serve our peer support groups complete extensive training and post-training interviews, and receive ongoing coaching and support from Center staff and consultants.

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