

Inside Fernside

A publication for grieving children and their families

Cincinnati Enquirer Celebrates With Us!

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Fernside Ends 25th Anniversary Year by Illuminating the Future

We marked the end of our 25th Anniversary year-long celebration with our Reflecting the Past...Illuminating the Future Luminaria Event. Thanks to the many people who supported this event by being a sponsor, volunteering their time & talent and coming out to be part of the evening despite the rain!



The one-of-a-kind walking labyrinth designed by Patrick Schreiber's students at UC Blue Ash, reflected the Fernside and Hospice of Cincinnati logos. (Courtesy of Amanda Davidson, Cincinnati Enquirer)



Ann Burrell, next to a tribute to our founder (and her mother!), Rachel Burrell.



The Hospice of Cincinnati Celebration of Life tree lights were illuminated after a countdown led by Sandra Lobert, HOC President & CEO with help from the kids.



Lanterns released at the end of the night. (Courtesy of Amanda Davidson, Cincinnati Enquirer)

"Yes, it rained but the building, the people, the lanterns, all of it was beautiful.

Thank you to all of you who have taken up the torch and made Fernside what it is today – a thriving community support service."

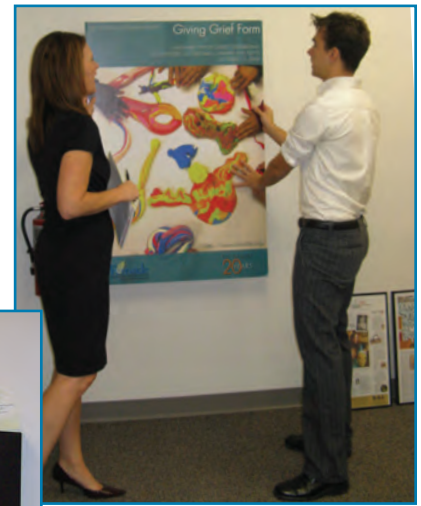
– Mary Ann Romanello, Fernside Volunteer

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Program News

Fernside's New Look

Children's art and photos now adorn the walls of the Fernside office! A lot of the credit for our new look goes to Eric Anderson. Eric, a Community Transportation Planner and GIS Specialist with KZF Design, brought our vision to life. Eric donated many, many hours of his time and also enlisted the help of several design colleagues – Kim Moscarino & Bill Kist from ASI, Debbie Fredette & Ed Capannari from The Art Company and Sonya Hughes from ARC. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you!



Vicky Ott and Eric Anderson, KZF Design

The Wiltse Family Resource Library & Conference Room

Dr. David Wiltse (former Hospice of Cincinnati Board of Trustees Chairman) and his wife Ginny are supporting the Goldstein Family Hospice of Cincinnati and Fernside Grief Center by sponsoring our conference room and library. Thank you David and Ginny!



We look forward to continuing to expand this valuable community resource.

Our library is free and open to the public and includes hundreds of books and other grief-related resources. Call the office for library hours.

Support Groups Available

Blue Ash:

2nd & 4th Monday Parent Loss/
Significant Adult Loss Groups
2nd & 4th Tuesday Parent Loss/
Significant Adult Loss Groups
1st & 3rd Tuesday Sibling Loss/
Cousin/Friend Loss Groups

West Chester/Liberty Township/Hamilton:

2nd & 4th Monday Parent Loss/
Significant Adult Loss Groups

Anderson Township:

2nd & 4th Tuesday Parent Loss/
Significant Adult Loss Groups

Bridgetown:

2nd & 4th Wednesday Parent Loss/
Significant Adult Loss Groups

Downtown:

1st & 3rd Wednesday Parent Loss/
Significant Adult Loss Groups

Families interested in joining our support groups must attend an orientation, held in Blue Ash on the 1st Monday of every month. Please call the office for registration information.

New Family Orientation Makes A Move

With the opening of the Goldstein Family Grief Center, Fernside has a place to host monthly New Family Orientations for the first time ever in our 25-year history! We held our first Orientation in the Grief Center on December 5th and it was a full house as we welcomed 113 new children, teens and adults to our program.



The Amazing Race: The Hardest Race of Your Life



Save the date for Fernside's Camp Erin-Cincinnati Teen Retreat. It will be held on April 21-22, 2012 at Camp Joy. This one-time experience is for grieving teens ages 13-18. Contact us for more information.

Volunteer News



Fall 2011 Volunteer
Facilitator Training Class

Fall Facilitator Training Class

We welcomed 19 new volunteer facilitators to our evening support groups this fall. They participated in 20 hours of training and are now placed at one of our seven group night locations. Thanks for making this commitment to our program!

Welcome to:

Renae Ayres, Amy Campos, Leslie Chapman, Angie Ellison, Heather Fehring, Emma Kate Freatman, Eileen Goode, Jaime Hannan, Laurie Johnson, Alisha Krukowski, Priscilla Martinez, Molly McNeil, Pam Myers, Rich Pingilley, Maddie Punch, Faith Rasmussen, Francesca Slay, Marcie Turner and LaToma Williams.

Development News



Nottingham Gate Interiors Dress Up Fernside's Bottom Line

Long-time Fernside volunteer Lucy Tallas and her coworkers, the Design team at Nottingham Gate Interiors, decided that in lieu of their traditional

holiday luncheon gift exchange, they wanted to make a contribution to an organization in the community that provides services for children. Over \$700 was donated. Thanks for choosing Fernside!

Prosource Employees Dress Down for Fernside

Prosource selected Fernside as October's dress down beneficiary. Thanks to Amanda McRitchie and everyone at Prosource! Over \$500 was collected. If your school or company has a charity casual day, please consider Fernside.



Mark Your Calendar!

**Cheers to Cheers to Art for Supporting Fernside
Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 7:00pm**



You don't have to be the next Picasso to join us at *Cheers to Art* in Madeira on February 22. What better way to spend an evening than painting with new friends to support a good cause – \$10 from each paid painter will go directly to Fernside. Register now

at www.cheerstoaart.com. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

2012 Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon

Join Team Fernside for any of this year's scheduled events on May 4, 5 and 6! Runners and walkers can help raise money to support the free grief services and programs at Fernside. Let's make this our best year yet! Contact us for more details and to join our team!



2012 Hospice of Cincinnati & Fernside Summertime Classic

Planning is underway for our annual two-day event – a Sunday dinner with a live/silent auction and a Monday golf scramble. This event will be held on May 20 and 21 at the Kenwood Country Club. To sponsor, volunteer or attend contact Molly O'Connor at molly_o'connor@trihealth.com.

With a little planning now, you can help ensure the future of Fernside. For more information on planned gifts, please contact Gary Algie at 513-865-1622 or gary_algie@trihealth.com.



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New Programming and New Video

We'll be offering new grief programming for grieving families and helping professionals. These new programs will complement the list of free services we currently offer. We'll be sharing the exciting details in our next newsletter.

And we've just put the finishing touches on an original video we can't wait for you to see. We've been working with Andy Montgomery from Little Boxes to create a one-of-a-kind grief video that will amaze you! To see it first, be sure to Like Us on Facebook or send us your email address.

Here is a sneak peek of our Fernside video debuting in early 2012!

