How do you tell a child that the man he idolizes has died? How do you tell a child that the life he knew is gone? In March of 2008 I was faced with these frightening questions. My husband, David Edwards, had just died. I was faced with helping my two boys through the emotional and physical roller coaster of their father’s death. How were we going to make it through this? I can honestly tell you that almost 2 years later it has not been easy, but I know it would not have been possible without Fernside.

I had heard about Fernside for “grieving children” through an acquaintance who had used their services. We started about a month after Dave died. Not long after joining the support groups, my 3-year old was talking about his daddy and feeling comforted by the other boys and girls going through very similar situations. As he has continued through the group process, he has grown more confident and has learned ways of dealing with the grief. The volunteers offer a safe and welcoming environment for him to deal with the fear and sadness he is too afraid to show on a daily basis. As a bonus, Fernside also offers groups for the caregivers of these children. Fernside encompasses the whole family because they realize that the family has to heal for the child to heal. They are always there and they don’t cost a dime.

This past October 23rd we held a memorial benefit in memory of David and the proceeds benefitted Fernside. Dinner, cocktails, a silent auction and live entertainment provided by Johnny Clueless made for a special evening celebrating Dave’s life and helping Fernside.

With this money we hope they can continue to provide services to many other children, just as they have provided for us. Thank you Fernside, you have given us the ability to live life again.
Program News

Don't Miss Out!

2010 Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon
Join Team Fernside for the 2010 Flying Pig Marathon. This year’s event is scheduled for April 30 - May 2. All participants will receive a goodie bag and Fernside race t-shirt. Go to www.flyingpigmarathon.com to register and then send us a quick email letting us know you’re new to the team. Looking forward to seeing you out there!

2010 Hospice of Cincinnati Summertime Classic
Mark your calendars for the 2010 Summertime Classic at Kenwood Country Club. Join us on Sunday, May 23rd for dinner, cocktails and silent & live auctions, all for only $50! Golfers tee off in the afternoon on Monday, May 24th. Thanks to our chairs Bob Halonen and Jeff Brinkman, the event promises to be better than ever! To become a sponsor, donate to the auction, purchase dinner/raffle tickets or register for golf, contact Rose Grafton at 513-865-5223 or rose_grafton@trihealth.com.

2010 Camp Erin-Cincinnati Teen Retreat & Summer Camp
Calling all teens for the 2010 Camp Erin-Cincinnati Teen Retreat at Camp Kern on April 24th – 25th. Call the office to register your child (ages 13-18) for The Amazing Race…The Hardest Race of Your Life.

And on July 22nd – 25th Camp Erin-Cincinnati invites 7 to 12 year olds to “discover the power within” at our Superheroes-themed summer camp also to be held at Camp Kern. For more information or to receive an application, please contact us.

Support Groups Available

Blue Ash:
2nd and 4th Monday Parent Loss/ Significant Adult Loss Groups
2nd and 4th Tuesday Parent Loss/ Significant Adult Loss Groups
1st and 3rd Tuesday Sibling Loss/ Cousin/Friend Loss Groups

Liberty Township:
1st and 3rd Tuesday Parent Loss/ Significant Adult Loss Groups

Bridgetown:
2nd and 4th Wednesday Parent Loss/ Significant Adult Loss Groups

Anderson Township:
2nd and 4th Tuesday Parent Loss/ Significant Adult Loss Groups

Downtown:
1st and 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 3rd Monday of every month. Please call the office for registration information.

Wish List

• Duct Tape – assorted colors
• Gift Cards to Michael’s, Hobby Lobby, Joseph Beth, Office Depot
• Glue & Glue Sticks
• Markers – assorted sizes
• Model Magic – assorted colors
• Paper Mache Boxes – various shapes
• Photo Printer Paper
• Post-It Easel Pads

Dave Buquo raised over $1100.00 last year!
Volunteer News

Fernside celebrates our favorite People in Action! Thanks to each and every one of you for the countless hours and wonderful gifts you so generously give to Fernside.

Fernside Volunteers are...

...INSPIRING

Facilitators and Greeters...INSPIRE us by helping grieving children and families heal.

Orientation Volunteers
- Laura Baum
- Donna Czarnecki
- Ann Lindy
- Phyllis Overmann
- Megan Owens
- Jenny Perry
- Mary Schneider
- Ashley Strasburger

Talas 2nd & 4th Monday Parent Loss (Blue Ash)
- Ted Ackerman
- Meg Burrows

2nd & 4th Tuesday Parent Loss (East Side)
- Laura Baum
- Donna Czarnecki
- Ann Lindy
- Phyllis Overmann
- Megan Owens
- Jenny Perry
- Mary Schneider
- Ashley Strasburger
- Lucy Tallas

2nd & 4th Tuesday Parent Loss (Liberty Township)
- Paula Baumann
- Trisha Cook

2nd & 4th Wednesday Parent Loss (West Side)
- Bob Bonnici
- Jenna Clarke

2nd & 4th Tuesday Parent Loss (Blue Ash)
- Ted Ackerman
- Jillian Bennett
- Bob Bonnici
- Jack Byrnes
- Jessica Coke

2nd & 4th Wednesday Parent Loss (Downtown)
- Cindy Wood

1st & 3rd Tuesday Parent Loss (Liberty Township)
- Paula Baumann

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Facilitators & Greeters who
- Susan Baker
- Tricia Boettcher
- Michele Pelnick
- Pat Proud

HOC Summertime Classic Committee Members...

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- Jeff Brinkman

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- Ellie Berghausen
- DaMont Bryant
- Bill Doherty

“General” Gettys
- Norine Gettys
- Charlie Lytle

Clint Wooldridge
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- Joy Croy

Stacy Meyer
- Larry Retter

Carol Rice
- Cathy Rosenbaum

Kim Stonecipher
- David Wilson

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Fernside and Hospice of Cincinnati Board and Development Committee Members...AMAZE us with their leadership and guidance.

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- Dave Wiltsie, M.D.
Fernside Opens Downtown Location

We are excited to announce the opening of our fourth satellite location for our Evening Support Groups. This spring we began offering groups in downtown Cincinnati at Saint Xavier Church. This group serves children who have experienced the death of a parent or other significant adult. There are groups for the parents/guardians as well. We want to thank the Saint Xavier Church staff and parish, especially Father Eric Knapp and Barb Westendorf, for their excitement in hosting our groups.

New Fernside Publication!

The Fernside Facilitator Training Manual – Practices & Guidelines for Working with Grieving Children & Adults

Use this comprehensive guide to develop your own volunteer training program or incorporate some of the concepts to enhance what you’re already doing. To purchase a copy of this manual, call the office or visit our website.

Also Available Online: