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Coming Full Circle: Then & Now profile

Fernside’s Early Cheerleader, the Junior League of Cincinnati, Supports 25th Anniversary Year

A very special thank you to the 2011 Provisional Class for supporting our 25th Anniversary year. Led by long-time Fernside supporter and JLC member Whitney Campbell, the 2011 Provisional Class has been able to share their stories and help one another heal.

The Junior League of Cincinnati was one of the first organizations to believe in Fernside’s mission to promote healing for life after loss. In 2006, the Junior League of Cincinnati recognized Fernside as their Aultimate Affair Honoree. It is so gratifying that today’s members continue their legacy of support for Fernside and the grieving families we serve.

When you turn 25 once and you are celebrating in a big way! To mark the end of our 25th Anniversary Year of Celebration, Fernside is hosting a community-wide event. On November 20, 2011 from 6pm until 8pm, join us for a beautiful evening of luminaries, lights and the launch of The Goldstein Family Hospice of Cincinnati and Fernside Grief Center.

The launch of the new Goldstein Family Hospice of Cincinnati will be reflected in a range of different ways. The Hospice of Cincinnati Board of Trustees and long-time Fernside supporter, has been a passionate advocate for children’s grief, recognizing the impact it has on the entire family. As Eddie Goldstein tells us, “I am extremely proud to have my family name attached to our Grief Center whose mission is to promote healing for life after loss. I feel very blessed to be able to help facilitate this mission.” This move will allow us to host our monthly orientation meetings for new families entering our program in space that is our very own. We will continue to build support group meetings at locations generously donated by our partners in neighborhoods throughout the community, but we are looking forward to hosting our monthly orientations as well as other events in this new Great Center.
2010-11 Fernside Support Groups

Family Member Who Died

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Open House for Helping Professionals

Thursday, August 11, 2011 | 4-7 pm
Fernside Administrative Office
4380 Malsbary Road, Suite 300
Cincinnati, OH 45242
RSVP: maddy_shumaker@trihealth.com | (513)745-0111

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- Good Samaritan Hospital Chief Operating Officer, Dave Dornheggen with wife Ginny; Golfers on the course; Golfers enjoyed lunch provided by HoneyBaked Ham & Gold Star Chili and dinner by Maggiano’s. Clockwise from top left: Honorary Chair Tom Wilburn with wife Sanda, Bethesda Foundation President & CEO Andy Swallow, Fernside’s Director Tom Wilburn, and our guest speaker Katie Pellegrini and auctioneer Jay Karp.

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We are honored to have been selected as a 2011 beneficiary of the Wine Festival. Thanks to YoDeal for selecting Fernside as a beneficiary during the week of July 18th.

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Fernside’s 25th Anniversary – Then & Now

Celebrating 25 Years

Fernside’s 25th Anniversary Luminaria Lighting

Hospice of Cincinnati, 4360 Cooper Road, 42432

6:00pm Grief Center Tours Information, refreshments & giveaways
7:00pm Brief Welcome & Thanks
7:15pm Sky Lantern Release
7:30pm Fireworks Illuminated
8:00pm Earth Cruise
9:00pm Raffle & giveaways

RSVP appreciated but not necessary

Purchase a luminaria bag for $25. For more information, visit our website: fernside.org.