Welcome to Our Newest Stars!

They may not be on the big screen but for us, they always take center stage, whether working directly for Fernside's award-winning team!

Volunteer News

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– Misunderstood.
– Scared.
– I felt shy and nervous.

Their Fernside experience including the impact their group leaders had on them:

– They made Fernside feel like a second home.
– I liked how they were easy to talk to and fun. They taught me to cope.

Way to Give to Fernside

An Anonymous Supporter of Fernside

Gift Giving Gives Back!

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Taking Stock!

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Navigating Grief through Fernside’s Camp Program

This year, all of our camps share a similar theme which highlights the connection between grieving children, teens and adults who are finding their way after experiencing a loss. Themes help guide activities and discussions as well as offer a creative format to process grief.

Navigating Grief: Your Map for the Road Ahead (summer camp)

Navigating Grief: Finding Your Way from Here to There (new retreat)

Navigating Grief: Where Do I Go from Here? (adult retreat)

This year’s summer camp, we encouraged campers to consider tools that traveler use when they’re lost – a compass, a map, street signs, etc. And then we explored what or who guides us after a loss. What is clear and familiar and sometimes we venture down a road less traveled. The team identified tools they could use to help them stay on course.

The Next Step, Reading & Lockland High School Walk in the Park

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The Next Steppers

The Ribbon Riot

The Ribbon Riot was a huge success last year on April 30, 2016. She wanted to create a benefit walk which she named The Ribbon Riot, to raise money to find a cure for all cancers after her best friend, Chad Griffin, died from colon cancer two years ago. Katie, her mom Paula and her older sister Sarah, attended our Evening Program groups in 2014-2015. Katie’s Ribbon Riot was a way to honor her dad. She even held the walk on his birthday! She single-handedly made a speech to kick off the walk. She raised money for both Fernside and the American Cancer Society, donating a total of $740 to Fernside!

Bump It Up For Charity

Bump It Up For Charity was a volleyball tournament held at Ross High School on March 11, 2016. Coordinated by ferrside alum, Alexandra Jones, the event was a huge success! Alexandra, a 2016 graduate of Bon High School (now a Xavier University freshman!) attended Fernside with her family after the death of her brother and father. With the help of classname and her Aunt Jenna, who coordinated a 5k run, over $2,000 was donated to Fernside!

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The Ribbon Rioters

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With a little planning now, you can help ensure the future of Fernside. For more information on planned gifts, contact the Bethesda Community Foundation. Donation is easy and you can maximize the value of your donation. For those who have provided for Fernside in your will or other planned gift, we want to thank you and acknowledge your generosity.

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Cassady Schiller, CPA employees for their $1,000 donation for camper scholarships!

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Development News

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Fernside 2016 Camp Erin-Cincinnati

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**Navigating Grief through Fernside’s Camp Program**

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Necessary Tools to Help Grieving Teens

- **A Compass**: A way of looking at the big picture and understanding the bigger picture of life
- **A Map**: A way to get to where you want to be
- **Street Signs and Maps**: A way to navigate specific situations
- **A Guide**: A way to find your way to others

Navigating New Friendships at Fernside 2016 Camps

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Fernside 2016 Camp Endowment Feeding Their Way

**Ways to Give to Fernside**

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**The Next Step, Reading & Lockland**

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Fernside's How to Help Booklet Series

Our How to Help booklets have a new look! These invaluable publications were written to give adults – parents, teachers and helping professionals – information about how children grieve and provide guidance on how to best support them.

To order your free booklet series, contact Sally Ries at 513-246-9300 or email sally@fernside.org.

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Chip Berry
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Cathy Bowers
Brenda Boyer
Rachel Bunn
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2015-16 New Volunteers

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Volunteer News
Celebrating Our Celebrities!

As we celebrate 30 years, we share this accomplishment with hundreds of volunteers whose loyalty and commitment contributes to our continued success. Fernside volunteers donate 6,633 hours last year! As a way to show our appreciation, we rolled out the red carpet by hosting a party, bringing them all together for a Friday night Happy Hour. To all of our volunteers, past and present, thank you!

(40) Daniel Wolfert, Daniel House & Blake Duvall
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We are very glad to get corrections.
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Fernside: The First Thirty

Thirty Never Looked So Good!

This year marks Fernside’s 30th Anniversary! Even though our mission has remained the same, a lot has changed since we opened our doors. We welcomed 28 children, teens and adults to our first support groups in 1986 and in 2013 we set a record by serving 3,124 youth and adults in support groups alone! Thousands more benefit annually from our Community Outreach Programs. Fernside was truly a grassroots effort and we’ve stayed true to those roots most importantly by continuing to offer all of our services at no cost even as our services grew and expanded.

We are proud of the far-reaching impact we have had at the 2nd oldest children’s grief center in the country by being a role model and offering guidance to new centers across the United States, but we are most proud of the direct impact we have had on the individual lives of the thousands of Greater Cincinnati residents who found a place to grieve at Fernside.

A publication for grieving children and their families.

How to Help Booklet Series

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We encourage you to support our mission.

All Grown Up & Talking About Grief

Fernside: Impact Years Later

Earlier this year, we hosted a special presentation for adults as part of our 2016-Listen, Learn...Live Speaker Series. All Grown Up & Talking About Grief featured a panel of Fernside alum who also happen to be current counselors. In sharing their stories, they offered advice and reassurance to adults who are caring for grieving children. Special thanks to our panelists: Cameron Ford, Logan Davis, Mary Kate Fogarty, Tony Martin and TJ Quinn. Their insights and helpful suggestions made the evening meaningful. To read about what our panelists and other Fernside alumni have to say, check out the Fernside Footnotes on our website.

Fernside Akin & Volunteer Family
& 411, Logan, Allie, Tony & Mary Kate Fogarty

“Fernside had a huge impact. It was great to be in a place where you don’t feel so different and you aren’t the girl whose mom died.” — Mary Kate Fogarty

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“Just hope that my dreams don’t get old and that some of them will come to pass.” — Rachel Faur, upon approaching retirement in 2007
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