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Roper and Sons Funeral Services Announces Specialized Grief Support

Roper & Sons Funeral Services is beginning a grief support group designed to meet the needs of friends and families who have experienced the death of a loved one due to the use or abuse of drugs and alcohol. Beginning on Sunday, June 10th, Roper & Sons Grief Support Counselors Tiffany Eisenbraun, LMHP and Brenda Moes, BA, PLADC will facilitate a one hour grief support group that offers a combination of professional facilitation along with the support of those who have experienced the death of a loved one due to substance abuse. The group is open to anyone 18 or older, regardless of where services were held.

This specialized grief group will meet from 5-6 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at the Roper & Sons South Lincoln Chapel, located at 3950 Hohensee Drive (40th & Yankee Hill). There is no cost to attend, and reservations are not necessary. The Substance Abuse grief support group is an addition to our already strong support system for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. We currently hold facilitated grief groups each Sunday from 2-3:30 p.m. at our Roper & Sons O Street Chapel, 4300 O Street.

After starting the first PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) Group in Nebraska in March of 2017, and through her work with the Independence Center, PAL group facilitator Brenda Moes, BA, PLADC, identified this type of support group as a real need in our community. "People would come to the group, call or email me asking if this new PAL group could meet their need for support with their children having already passed as a result of this growing epidemic. They explained that the stigma and lack of understanding that surrounds the disease of addiction makes it difficult for them to openly grieve. People sometimes blame the deceased and their family for not preventing the death." Thankfully for groups in our community including Al-anon, the Independence Center Family Support Group, and PAL, people are being educated on addiction as a disease rather than some sort of moral failing.

Jodi Freeman, Director of Outreach, says about this new group: "We are honored to be able to serve a population that is growing and has expressed a strong need in our community. Unfortunately, substance use and abuse is a growing problem in our community and throughout the nation. We know that families and friends are struggling to accept the many complications, including death, which come when a loved one is addicted to drugs or alcohol. Our strong commitment to the community does not end with the funeral, but reaches far beyond, into support and aftercare."

Roper & Sons Funeral Services is committed to serving the needs of our community through funeral, memorial and Life Celebration services, funeral pre-planning, and various outreach programs, including monthly informational seminars, and weekly Grief Groups.

About Roper & Sons Funeral Services: Roper & Sons Funeral Services has served the Lincoln Community with honor, integrity and dignity since December 1, 1901. www.roperandsons.com

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