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BROOKE'S PLACE] RECEIVES GRIEF REACH GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK LIFE FOUNDATION

Nonprofit receives funding to support the need for bereavement resources within school communities

INDIANAPOLIS, IN April, 20, 2022 – Brooke's Place for Grieving Young People announced today a \$100,000 Grief Reach grant from the [New York Life Foundation](#), administered by the [National Alliance for Children's Grief](#), to ensure that school communities have information and dedicated bereavement resources to meet the needs of grieving students and their families. Brooke's Place will provide peer support groups and training within Marion County schools including Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS).

"We are grateful for the New York Life Foundation's investment in addressing the impact grief has on school communities across the country. The funding will help us ensure students' social, emotional, and bereavement needs are understood, addressed, and supported," Theresa Brun, Executive Director.

"Acknowledging the long-term impact of the pandemic on students and teachers led us to dedicate funding to bereavement support for school communities. Now more than ever, we are committed to addressing the gap in grief support in schools through these grants and our Grief-Sensitive Schools Initiative," said Maria Collins, vice president, New York Life Foundation. "The pandemic illuminated the need for more social, emotional and grief support and through our multi-tiered and holistic approach focused on investment, collaboration, and resources, we can help increase access and support in a school environment."

Vicki Jay, CEO, National Alliance for Children's Grief shared, "We are grateful for the investment that the New York Life Foundation continues to make in positively impacting the lives of bereaved children and their families across the nation. For over a decade, funding from the Grief Reach program has worked to address the gap in resources and funding, increase access to bereavement support services in local communities, especially diverse communities, and innovatively seek to address the unmet needs of our youngest grievers. We are honored to be a partner in this work."

Over 360 Grief Reach grants totaling more than \$12 million have been awarded since the program's inception in 2011. The New York Life Foundation has been one of the leading funders of the childhood bereavement field, investing more than \$60 million to date in support of grieving children and their families.

About the New York Life Foundation

Inspired by New York Life's tradition of service and humanity, the New York Life Foundation has, since its founding in 1979, provided nearly \$380 million in charitable contributions to national and local nonprofit organizations. The Foundation supports programs that benefit young people, particularly in the areas of educational enhancement and childhood bereavement. The Foundation also encourages and facilitates the community involvement of employees and agents of New York Life through its Volunteers for Good and Grief-Sensitive Schools programs. To learn more, please visit www.newyorklifefoundation.org.

About National Alliance for Children's Grief

The National Alliance for Children's Grief (NACG) is a nonprofit organization that raises awareness about the needs of children and teens who are grieving a death and provides education and resources for anyone who supports them. The NAGC is a North American network comprised of over 1,400 professionals, institutions, and volunteers who promote best practices, educational programming, and critical resources to facilitate the mental, emotional, and physical health of grieving children and their families. We educate, advocate, and raise awareness about childhood bereavement through our member and partner collective voices. For more information about the NACG, please visit www.childrengrieve.org.

About Brooke's Place for Grieving Young People

Established in 1999, Brooke's Place provides ongoing grief support groups, therapy services, and community education to empower children, teens, young adults and their families to thrive in the midst of grief. For the last 21 years, Brooke's Place has served more than 16,000 individuals. With an estimated 73,000 children expected to experience the death of a loved one in Central Indiana before the age of 20, there will always be an ongoing need in our community for the programs provided at Brooke's Place. To learn more, please visit www.brookesplace.org.

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