

GriefWorks – A Bereavement Resource for Education and Support

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GriefWorks Receives Grant for School Program from
The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation

In Auburn, ***GriefWorks*** has recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Ruth Murphy Evans Unrestricted Fund and the Les and Sophie Sussman Fund of The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation. These funds are to specifically support the Grief Talk at School program that ***GriefWorks*** provides in Pierce County.

The Grief Talk in Schools program provides children and teens the opportunity to learn about their grief in the safety of small groups held on their school campuses. As experienced ***GriefWorks*** counselors facilitate the small groups, school counselors have the opportunity to acquire the tools and skills for working with grieving students. The students become better equipped to not only rebuild their lives and to face challenges in the future, but to reach out to their peers.

GriefWorks is a non-profit agency that has served over 9,000 children, teens, and adults since 1998. The mission of ***GriefWorks*** is to serve as a bereavement resource providing education and support for people grieving a death or seeking to understand the grief process. Its motto is “Together we’re mending hearts... and re-landscaping lives.”

Mel Erickson, ***GriefWorks*** cofounder, feels so grateful for this generous gift because of the difference it will make in children’s and teen’s lives. “Kid Talk and Teen Talk groups are almost magical in the comfort and healing they offer children and teens. It is a privilege to witness. I am deeply pleased by the continued financial support of the Community Foundation.”

The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation:

Established in 1981, The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life in the Pierce County region. The Community Foundation uses its thorough understanding of the community’s needs to grow and effectively distribute pooled community donations. It also works to assist and inspire members of the greater Tacoma community to participate in local philanthropy as a way to connect their values with powerful long-term community impact. For more information, visit our website at www.tacomafoundation.org or call (253) 383-5622.

For more information about ***GriefWorks*** programs and services, contact the ***GriefWorks*** office at (253) 333-9420, (800) 850-9420, or the website at www.GriefWorks.org.