



# Annual Report 2022

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# Message from the President of the Board of Directors



Dear Friends of The Grief Center,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we want to thank staff, volunteers and donors for all you have done and continue to do. This last year has been very busy and productive.

The Center for Hope and Healing has gone from dream to reality! This project began 5 years ago by asking our community, “how can we best serve those who grieve?” Since that survey in 2017, hundreds of people have played parts in creating this special place. There are many people and companies to thank – staff, volunteers, facilitators, community volunteers who sit on various committees, donors, the construction industry, and others who worked tirelessly to make this happen. When you visit the Center, look for names of donors on our Gratitude Tree, and on plaques throughout the building.

During the last fiscal year, The Grief Center had to make many unexpected adjustments to serve our community. Our profound thanks to Sunset Mesa and Acton Academy for making their facilities available for in-person services at a time when the Center was in the midst of renovation and unable to open its doors to the public. Like everyone, The Grief Center continued to face COVID-related challenges. We didn't skip a beat. When appropriate, group sessions were conducted virtually. When we were able to provide in-person services, The Grief Center took all precautions to provide a safe environment for everyone. While we are thrilled to be hosting support groups, workshops and trainings in-person at the Center, the virtual groups worked so well, and reached so many people, we will continue to offer this option.

Our 16th annual Healing Hearts Luncheon returned to an in-person setting in March instead of February. We weren't quite sure what to expect with COVID. People rose to the occasion and we had the best Healing Hearts fundraiser ever! Thanks to our staff and volunteers who made it happen and to the donors who generously gave to support this important mission.

There is much to celebrate. It truly takes a village. We appreciate all that you do to help provide this much-needed service for our community.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Chase".

Greg Chase, Board President





## *Vision Statement*

Our vision is that all grieving people will receive compassionate support needed to foster hope for the future.

## *Mission Statement*

The Grief Center's mission is to provide compassionate and safe support, understanding, healing, and hope to the grieving community.

## *The Four Principles*

- Grief is a natural reaction to the loss of an important person for children as well as adults. •
  - Within each individual is the natural capacity to heal oneself. •
  - The duration and intensity of grief are unique for each individual. •
  - Caring and acceptance help in the healing process. •

*I like that we can talk about feelings,  
about who died. It helps me very well.*

- 9-year-old girl whos grandparent died

# The Heart of The Grief Center

Our volunteers help us serve New Mexico's grieving families and adults. These dedicated people help make The Grief Center a special place for children, their families, and adults to find hope and healing.

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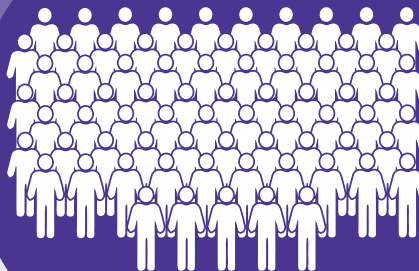
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people served  
via online grief  
support groups



968

participated  
in workshops,  
presentations  
and webinars





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- woman whose parent died.

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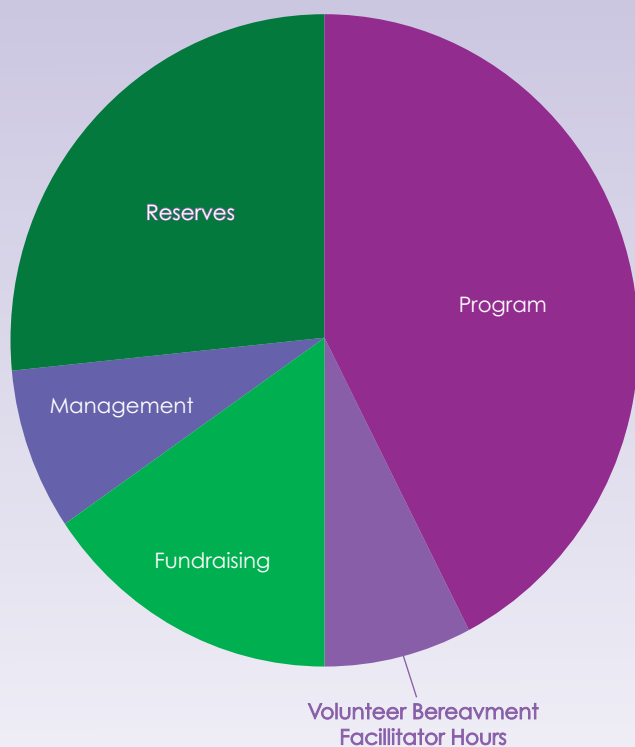
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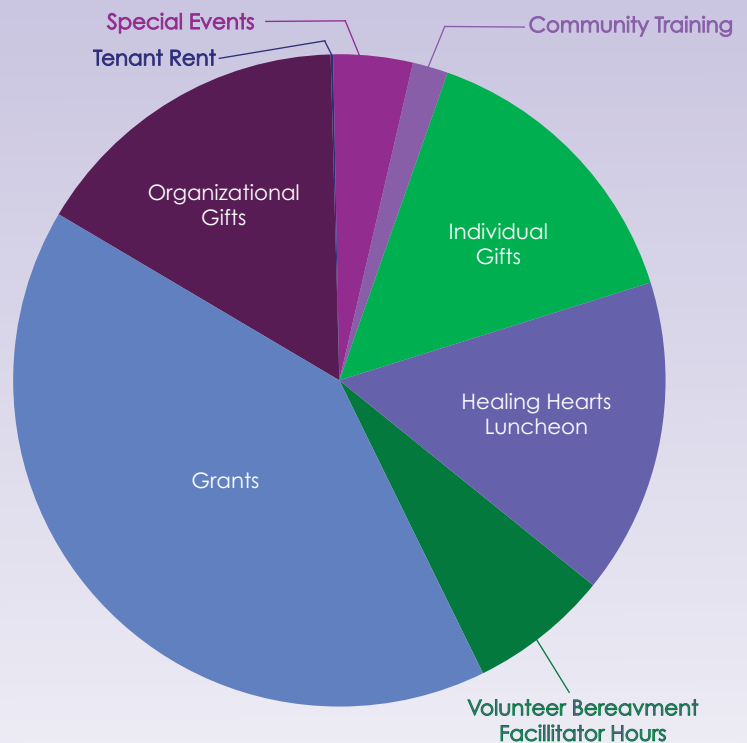
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## 2021 - 2022 Grief Center Expenses & Reserves \$817,340



## 2021 - 2022 Grief Center Operations Income \$817,340



### Gender

Female: 64.95%  
Male: 33.21%  
Other: .73%  
Not Reported: 1.10%

### Ethnicity

Hispanic/Latino: 42.75%  
White: 31.93%  
Not reported: 12.84%  
American Indian/Alaska Native: 7.34%  
Other: 2.75%  
Black/African American: 2.02%  
Asian/Pacific Islander: 0.37%

### Age

0-5 years old: 1.47%  
6-11 years old: 23.12%  
12-18 years old: 23.12%  
19-24 years old: 3.49%  
25 to 44 years old: 19.82%  
45 to 64 years old: 18.72%  
65 years and older: 5.69%  
Not reported: 4.59%

### Who died for the Adult

Spouse/Partner: 33.77%  
Child: 19.53%  
Ex-Spouse/Ex-partner: 18.73%

Parent: 10.29%  
Friend: 8.18%  
Sibling: 6.07%  
Not reported: 3.43%

### Who died for the child

Father: 39.58%  
Not Reported: 21.11%  
Mother: 15.57%  
Sibling: 10.03%  
Grandparent: 8.18%  
Other: 4.22%  
Step-Parent: 1.32%

### Length of participation

1-6 months: 51.19%  
7-12 months: 28.26%  
13-18 months: 9.91%  
18+ months: 9.36%  
No start date: 1.28%

### Cause of Death

Cancer: 13.03%  
Illness/Disease: 10.46%  
Medical Crisis/Heart Attack: 9.72%  
Suicide: 9.17%  
Covid-19: 8.99%  
Overdose: 8.81%  
Substance Use (Alcoholism/ Meds - liver failure): 7.89%

Vehicular Accident: 6.79%  
Sudden/Other: 6.42%  
Other: 6.42%  
Homicide/Violence: 5.69%  
Heart failure: 4.22%  
Not Reported: 1.47%  
Pulmonary Fibrosis: 0.92%

### Workshops provided - 11

**7/24** Camp Corazón  
**8/25** Back to School Jumpstart  
**10/13** Día De Los Muertos  
**10/23** Grieving Children, Grieving Families Webinar  
**11/20** Grief In the Holidays  
**2/26** Grieving Children, Grieving Families Webinar  
**4/30** Family Field Day  
**6/4** Raw Heart - art workshop for bereaved adults  
**6/15** Grieving Children, Grieving Families Webinar  
**6/18** Raw Heart - art workshop for bereaved adults  
**6/25** Kids Zone

### Bereavement Facilitator Training

58 trained

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*It's helpful  
to hear that  
there are other  
people who  
feel the same  
way I do.*

- woman whose parent  
died of COVID.





# In Honor Of:

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