



# Peter's Place

A Center for Grieving Children and Families

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## Opening the Doors to our NEW Home

Our recent capital campaign, **A Home for Peter's Place**, achieved a dream 15 years in the making: Peter's Place opened our **NEW** doors and welcomed families to our **NEW** home in January of 2017.

Located on King of Prussia Road in Radnor, our **NEW** building with over 8,000 square feet is nearly twice the size of our former center. This will enable our organization to grow programming and staff to continue to meet the demand for our services, both at our **NEW** Radnor home, and in the community.

Our **NEW** home features: two large peer support groups for children, one room dedicated for adults, an accessible group room that can be used for children or adults, and a meeting room that can be used for smaller groups or intake meetings. We are sincerely grateful to these campaign donors for their generous support.

### Take a tour of our center online at:

<http://petersplaceonline.org/grief-support-services/peer-support-groups-at-our-radnor-center>

## Welcome to our NEW Executive Director

Hi – my name is Catsy Pemberton and I first learned of Peter's Place when I received an invitation to our annual spring gala in 2007. The mission of our organization immediately drew me in as I had lost my brother John several years before...if only there had been a Peter's Place for his wife and children. When I was asked to be the new Executive Director, it was as if I had been given a gift from my brother. I started at Peter's Place in early June and I can attest that all that we do, every day, supports the mission of our organization. We spent the summer months getting settled in our new home, and our on-site grief support groups started up again this fall.

Both on-site and off-site programming are now fully staffed and a strategic plan is being developed to help us move forward.

Now, a window into getting to know me. My favorite food is a toss-up between mocha chocolate-chip ice cream and sweet potato fries (but I won't shy away from either). My favorite vacation is spending time at the beach. If I had the chance to "re-do" college, I would have spent a semester abroad learning a second language. Lastly, my favorite thing about Peter's Place is the sound of the children's laughter which illustrates the safe and supportive environment

we provide where our participants are able to find comfort, hope and healing. I look forward to meeting all of our loyal and wonderful families, supporters and donors ... please stop in my office the next time you are at Peter's Place!



### *The Mission Of Peter's Place*

is to provide safe and supportive environments for grieving children and families and to act as a community resource to foster understanding of the effects of death and grief.

# Introducing our NEW Board Members

## Robert Fahey

Robert works in the commercial real estate industry for CBRE, Inc. He lives in Villanova with his wife, three children and one really great dog. Robert enjoys playing golf, and despite years of effort, still cannot beat his kids on the links! He is committed to Peter's Place given all the loss he has personally suffered. Robert loves his pretzels, but not their carbohydrates – a dilemma for sure.

## Bill Kiesling

Bill works in the consumer products for CSS Industries, and resides in Philadelphia. His father passed away when he was only 2, and Bill wishes that he would have had access to an organization as special as Peter's Place. Bill is brave enough to admit that he loves Dairy Queen® vanilla soft-serve – it reminds him of fun childhood vacations in Ocean City, NJ. Bill believes that there are no coincidences in life and tries to be open to new ideas – like NOT doing another Mud Run obstacle course; last time resulted in a badly broken ankle. Maybe with Robert and Sue's help – golf is in his future?

## Sue Tiede

Sue's entire professional career has been in education, from teacher to counselor to principal and, finally, as Director of Human Resources for the T/E School District. When Sue was Principal of Devon Elementary, she became acquainted with the work of the recently founded Peter's Place when two children in the school tragically lost their parents. Spending time with her grandchildren is her greatest joy. She loves being outdoors and is an avid golfer.

## Mike Zisman

Mike is our resident "tech" guy. From founding Soft-Switch, Inc. to leadership positions at Lotus and IBM, Mike has been focused on technology his entire career. When he retired from IBM, he founded yet another technology company – Golf Genius Software. With a strong technology background, general management experience, and a long history of serving on non-profit boards (such as University of Pennsylvania, The Philadelphia Orchestra, the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, and Main Line Health), Mike is an ideal board member.

# Peter's Place by our NEW Numbers

Our Constituents	Where we WERE: 2001	Where we ARE: 2017
Children & Adults served through Radnor support groups	18	174
Children & Adults served through referral services	DID NOT EXIST	82
Adults served through Ryan's Hope Program	DID NOT EXIST	12
Children served through school-based groups	DID NOT EXIST	249
Children served through Camp Encouragement	DID NOT EXIST	12
Adults served through support seminars	DID NOT EXIST	252
Professional Training	DID NOT EXIST	216

## Meet the NEW Director of Development & Communications



We're happy to announce Tricia Burstein Mackay has joined Peter's Place as the Director of Development and Communications. She is a 20-year veteran of the nonprofit and corporate sectors and a graduate of Vanderbilt University. Call or e-mail Tricia to make a donation: 610.687.5150 or [tricia@petersplaceonline.org](mailto:tricia@petersplaceonline.org).



# What's **NEW** in the Peter's Place Community

**Who We Are:** Peter's Place provides grief support services for children and adults through both on-site and school based peer support groups. We also provide professional development and community resources around grief.

## Grief Support Services:

- Peer Support at our Radnor Center
- School-Based Peer Support Groups
- The Ryan's Hope Program

## Grief Education & Research

- Professional Development
- Presentations for Professionals and Community Groups



## WHO is **NEW** in our Community?

- **Tara Devineni, MSW, LCSW** is our **NEW** part-time off-site (school-based) Group Facilitator. Tara comes to us with a long history of social work with youth, adults and families in agencies, hospitals and in her private practice. Welcome Tara!
- **Pat Wong Connolly, MEd, MSS, LSW** joins our Radnor team as a new part-time Group Facilitator for on-site support groups. Pat has been a volunteer facilitator for the past five years and brings fabulous experience working with both children and families to our community. Welcome Pat!
- Welcome to our twelve **NEW** Volunteer Facilitators joining our Radnor On-site Program this year!

## WHAT is **NEW** in our Community?

- The Perkiomen Valley School District (Montgomery County) is new to Peter's Place! Our Off-Site Program is providing its first 8-week grief support group to these students in the Schwenksville Elementary School. Peter's Place is also providing this school district with educational seminars on "Children and Grief" for teachers, para-professionals and other school staff.
- Fellowship House of South Camden (NJ) is expanding their partnership with Peter's Place! In addition to serving grieving students in Camden, Peter's Place will help educate parents, guardians and care-providers about the impact of grief on children and how to support grieving children through community-based presentations.

## *NEW Home in Radnor*

Our **NEW** Home in Radnor has lots of **NEW** space for groups: one **NEW** caregiver room; two **NEW** children/teen rooms; one **NEW** small meeting room – all of which enable us to offer more groups and support more children and families.



# WITH ALL THAT IS NEW... WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Help us ensure that no child or family will face grief alone by making a donation today.

You can help provide Comfort, Hope and Healing:

- Donate online or by phone
- Volunteer at Peter's Place
- Host a community event
- Spread the word about Peter's Place to friends and family

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Children's Grief Awareness Day

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Show your support by wearing blue and helping to share awareness.

## Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

After a day of thanks and two days of deals, please support Peter's Place on #GivingTuesday.

Visit [www.petersplaceonline.org](http://www.petersplaceonline.org) or call 610.687.5150 for details.

## Peter's Place Evergreen Gala

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Save the Date for the 6th Annual Evergreen Gala!

For more details visit [www.petersplaceonline.org](http://www.petersplaceonline.org).

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PLEASE NOTE OUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED!  
Contact Peter's Place at our new home in Radnor.

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