

# Healing Hearts



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## Sending Love to the Brokenhearted

Valentine's Day reminds us that love and grief are entwined. Grief stories are also love stories; the more someone is loved, the more deeply his or her absence is felt. At Bo's Place, we honor the love that gives rise to grief, and we send love to all those whose hearts are broken this Valentine's Day.

*"What we have once enjoyed deeply we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."* - Helen Keller

*"You will lose someone you can't live without, and your heart will be badly broken, and the bad news is that you never completely get over the loss of your beloved. But this is also the good news. They live forever in your broken heart that doesn't seal back up. And you come through. It's like having a broken leg that never heals perfectly – that still hurts when the weather gets cold, but you learn to dance with the limp."* - Anne Lamott

*"Grief, I've learned, is really just love. It's all the love you want to give, but cannot. All that unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes, the lump in your throat, and in that hollow part of your chest. Grief is just love with no place to go."* - Jamie Anderson

*"If there ever comes a day where we can't be together, keep me in your heart. I'll stay there forever."* - A. A. Milne



## Eagle Scout Project: Labyrinth

In January, Eagle Scout Ryan Gilbert and his crew of troop members finished installing a brick and crushed granite labyrinth in the west corner of the Bo's Place property. Ms. Bovine Cow has been relocated to the front lawn to make way for this new activity.

As a tool for meditation, reflection, healing, learning, and fun, this labyrinth is a natural

supplement to the Bo's Place curriculum.

Thank you, Ryan, for your hard work on this project!



## Los Básicos del Duelo

On March 26, we will host "Los Básicos del Duelo," webinar, the Spanish version of our signature "Understanding and Supporting the Bereaved" webinar, with an emphasis on grief in the Latino community.

The 1.5-hour webinar will provide an overview of the grief journey within Latino culture and community, with special focus on vocabulary used when speaking about grief in Spanish.

One participant said of the training, *"Very casual and comfortable way to talk about an issue that is heavy and at times unspoken of. I have always looked for training in Spanish, but there is just not enough. Thank you for supporting bilingual helpers!"*



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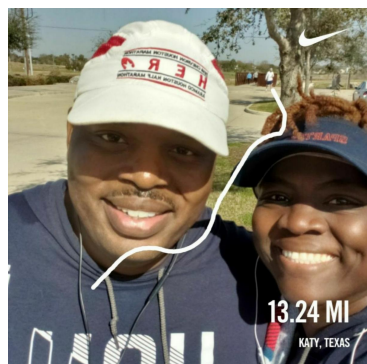
## Team Bo's Place Crosses the Virtual Finish Line!

From January 8-17, Team Bo's Place runners completed their 5Ks, half-marathons and marathons all over town as part of the 2021 Virtual Houston Marathon. We are so proud of everyone who crossed the virtual finish line!

We are also excited to announce that thanks to Team Bo's Place and our generous supporters, we won \$25,000 in the Chevron Charity Challenge! Thank you to everyone on the team, including our wonderful Sidewalk Squad Sponsors and donors. We are looking forward to 2022, when we can run together in person again!







## Derby Day on the Polo Grounds

This year's Hats, Hearts & Horseshoes will be held on **Saturday, May, 1, 2021**, at the beautiful, expansive outdoor grounds of the **Houston Polo Club**. Mark your calendars to join Chairmen **Alissa and Kevin Maples, Millette and Haag Sherman** and **Christie and Mark Sullivan**, as well as Honorary Chairmen **Paige Fertitta, Megan and Luke Hotze, Hannah and Cal McNair, Hallie Vanderhider**, and **Kelli and John Weinzierl** for this fabulous event.

Guests will have plenty of space to enjoy the finest derby fare and a polo demonstration at this al fresco fete. Grab your hats, bowties, and masks. We are off to the races!



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## A Message of Hope, the Gift of Healing Hearts

We are thrilled to announce that our annual Bo's Place Hearts of Hope Luncheon, held virtually this year, raised over \$460,000 to sustain grief support services at Bo's Place.

Our speakers - Rick Smith, Dorothy and Ronny Cuenod, Cindy and Harry Holmes, Jordan, Sheridan and Stephen Smith, and Lauren Gray - shared their personal connections to Bo's Place. Tom Brown,

Grants Director, accepted the 2021 Robin Bush award on behalf of The Hamill Foundation, sharing his belief in the mission of Bo's Place. Executive Director Mary Beth Staine gave a tour of the Bo's Place facility.

If you missed it, we encourage you to watch the luncheon and learn more about the important work Bo's Place does to support the bereaved.



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Thank you to all our generous supporters for this virtual event!

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## **Bo's Place is Hiring!**

Voted as one of Houston's "Best Places to Work" by the Houston Business Journal in 2019, Bo's Place has two new job opportunities for the right people ready to join the best team!

We are currently accepting resumes for two new positions. Please view the full job descriptions below and share with anyone who might be interested.



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