

Healing Hearts



Bo's Place

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We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

We are so grateful for all the ways our volunteers support the mission of Bo's Place, especially over the past year. Volunteers have served Bo's Place in new ways this year, including facilitating our new online grief support groups and putting together packages to be mailed to group participants. We appreciate our volunteers' flexibility and willingness to try new ideas as we learned how to provide grief support online. This Volunteer Appreciation Month, we send our heartfelt thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who help Bo's Place heal hearts!

Here are some words of appreciation for our volunteers from group members:

"I enjoyed my time in group, and the facilitators were so kind and did a great job. There are not words to adequately express how grateful I am for Bo's Place! You are doing life-changing work!"

"The facilitators are skilled and compassionate. Thank you to each of you!"

"I just really appreciate the hard work you all put into making Bo's Place such a safe and profound place of support. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

"My leaders were compassionate and helped me put in words what I could only think. Thank you, Bo's Place!"

"Your hearts are so generous, and I will always remember this."

Thank you, Bo's Place Volunteers!



Smile While You Shop with Amazon

When you shop on Amazon through the Amazon Smile program, your shopping can benefit Bo's Place. To date, \$2,893.99 has been donated to Bo's Place from Amazon, because our friends have participated in the smile program.

It's easy – just click below and start shopping!



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Upcoming Trainings

Good Grief for School Professionals - Friday, April 23

Join us for an online training designed for school professionals who want to support bereaved students more effectively. This three-hour training will provide an overview of current grief theory and give participants a better understanding of how students are experiencing grief in the context of the pandemic. The training also provides worksheets and online resources to help school professionals support bereaved students in person and virtually.



For more information or to register, please visit the link below:

Good Grief for School Professionals

Good Grief for Helping Professionals - Friday, May 21

Join us for an online training designed for mental health professionals who want to support bereaved clients more effectively. This training gives participants a better understanding of the grief experience through the lens of COVID-19. It also provides worksheets and online resources to support work with the bereaved.

For more information or to register, visit the link below:

Good Grief for Helping Professionals



Derby Day, One Month Away!



Get out your seersucker and your fascinators and join us on May 1, 2021, for the annual Hats, Hearts & Horseshoes event! Our Chairmen Alissa and Kevin Maples, Millette and Haag Sherman, and Christie and Mark Sullivan look forward to greeting guests in their Derby finest for a day of fun, games, mint juleps, live music and more as we wait for the best two minutes in sports! The festivities will take place outdoors at The Houston Polo Club.

Joining our Chairmen are Honorary Chairmen Paige Fertitta, Megan and Luke Hotze, Hannah and Cal McNair, Hallie Vanderhider and Kelli and John Weinzierl. Together we look forward to toasting a fabulous race and a successful event. With your help, the winners will be the families of Bo's Place!

Reservations are limited, so secure your table today!

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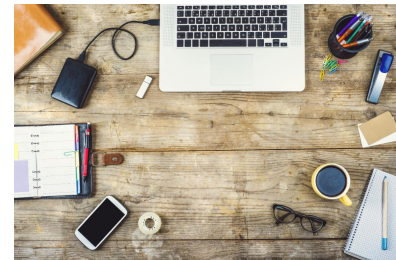
For questions, contact Andrea Sivells, Development Director, derby@bosplace.org or 713-942-8339.

*Bo's Place will modify the event format as COVID-19 conditions in Houston require. An in-person event will accommodate all current health and safety guidelines.



Expanding Community Education and Outreach

The growing virtual presence of Bo's Place over the past year has allowed us to expand our community education and outreach. Here is a snapshot of the diverse ways in which Bo's Place mental health professionals were sharing their expertise during the month of March:



Ruth Hutton Fred Grand Rounds in collaboration with Jewish Family Services and Baylor College of Medicine

Bo's Place staff trained fellow mental health providers on grief through the lens of the pandemic and grief as a full body experience. The training also provided tangible ways in which providers can best support the bereaved.

Harris County District Attorney's Office

Bo's Place staff presented "Understanding and Supporting the Bereaved" to attendees from the Harris County District Attorney's Office Victim Services Department. Attendees were grateful for the presentation and look forward to implementing some of the techniques provided.

Healthcare for the Homeless

Bo's Place staff presented our "Understanding and Supporting the Bereaved" to members of the Healthcare for the Homeless Team through Baylor College of Medicine.

Harris Center Project CHANGE

For the past few months, Bo's Place has participated in a Stakeholders Meeting through the Harris Center for the Project CHANGE initiative. Project CHANGE provides intensive case management wraparound services for youth and young adults who have not benefited from traditional interventions in the past. Bo's Place staff shares helpful ways for Project CHANGE to reach people who would benefit from our services.

University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work Grief Class presentation

Bo's Place continues the biannual tradition of presenting on children's grief as part of the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work's Grief & Bereavement Therapy course. A Bo's Place clinician presented to the class via zoom on how Bo's Place has adapted to better serve the bereaved during the pandemic.

Los Básicos del Duelo

Bo's Place's bilingual clinicians presented our signature Spanish-language workshop "Los Básicos del Duelo" as a webinar. Some attendees shared "We need more of this and in Spanish!" and "It was a great training! Thank you for providing this workshop in Spanish." We are pleased to be able to provide the community of bilingual clinicians with a resource to help them be more comfortable with grief in Spanish.

To request a presentation, please visit the link below.

[Request a Presentation](#)



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