

# Healing Hearts



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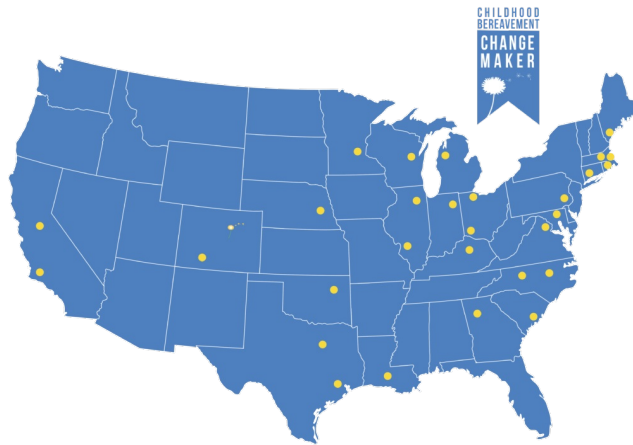
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## Bo's Place Selected as "Changemaker"

In March, Judi's House/JAG Institute, a Denver-based grief care organization, selected Bo's Place as one of 30 bereavement centers across the country to participate in its Childhood Bereavement Changemaker Initiative designed to empower bereavement partners to use data to inform decision making and enhance impact. Through a series of training workshops and custom technical assistance, participating organizations will grow their capacity for data collection and program evaluation through a 12-month process designed to address data and evaluation needs big and small. Bo's Place will be focusing on data and evaluation needs for our expanding School Grief Support Program.



"By establishing a culture that values and supports data for successful design and implementation of evaluation strategies, the Changemaker initiative will move the childhood bereavement field closer to a vision of no child alone in grief," said Laura Landry, PhD, director of evaluation and research for Judi's House/JAG Institute.

The Childhood Bereavement Changemaker program was conceived by Judi's House/JAG Institute with philanthropic support from New York Life Foundation and in collaboration with the National Alliance for Children's Grief.



## Volunteer Spotlight: National Charity League Heart of Texas and Memorial Chapters



We are grateful for our long-standing partnerships with the Heart of Texas and Memorial chapters of the National Charity League, an organization that fosters the mother-daughter relationship through joint volunteer opportunities and an ongoing commitment to philanthropy, culture, and leadership. For many years, the Heart of Texas and Memorial chapters have worked with Bo's Place as Special Projects and Hospitality volunteers. The Heart of Texas chapter decorated our building for the winter holidays and recently donated flower arrangements to brighten up our dining room during group meals. Bo's Place was also honored by the Memorial Chapter at its annual Tea Party. Members donated supplies and food to support our activities.

National Charity League, thank you for all that you do to support Bo's Place!



## Derby Day, One Month Away!

It's not too late to support the families of Bo's Place by attending Hats, Hearts, and Horseshoes, the best Derby Party outside Churchill Downs! Put on your finest hats and bowties on May 7 and head to the Houston Polo Club for classic mint juleps, delectable bites, fun, games, prizes and more.

Reserve your tickets or tables today!



[Purchase Tickets Now](#)

For more information, please contact Lauren Keeble at 713-942-8339 or [derby@bosplace.org](mailto:derby@bosplace.org).



## Upcoming Training Opportunity: Good Grief for School Professionals

Registration is open for our upcoming **Good Grief for School Professionals** webinar on **Friday, April 22, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**. Bo's Place mental health professionals will present this online training opportunity, which includes an overview of current grief theory, indicators of grief, and activities that use grief-specific therapeutic elements. Participants will gain a greater understanding of students' experiences of grief, tools and resources to support work with the bereaved, and a school grief support plan. Opportunities for continuing education will also be available.

Please plan to attend and share with your networks!



Register Now



## New Positions on Program Staff

We are pleased to add two new positions to our work family. Please spread the word and help us find more great heart-healers to join our team!



Community-Based Programs Director

School Groups Coordinator



## SpawGlass Gift

Bo's Place was honored to receive a special \$50,000 gift from SpawGlass as part of the of the CJ Strnadel IV Memorial Fishing Tournament. Since 2015, SpawGlass has contributed over \$220,000 to Bo's Place from proceeds of this annual memorial fishing tournament. Board member Brandon Meyers, President of the SpawGlass Houston Division, was joined by SpawGlass tournament organizers and the Strnadel family for a special celebratory breakfast and tour of Bo's Place. We thank this extraordinary team for their generosity and support of Bo's Place and the bereaved children and families that we serve.



## Bo's Place Grief Support Services

At Bo's Place, we believe that grieving families heal when they share their experiences with each other. We offer free Grief Support Groups in English and Spanish to families and individuals.

If you or someone you know would like information about Bo's Place Grief Support Groups for children, families, and adults, click [here](#) or call 713.942.8339.

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*Bo's Place exists to enhance the lives of those who have experienced the death of a loved one.*

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