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Announcing our Latest Round of Grant Awards!

The Parmenter Foundation’s recent grant cycle totaled $141,882 in new awards that were distributed over the past month. The funding went to seven nonprofits, including four organizations that are new grantees to Parmenter. Each of the grant recipients reinforces our mission to provide support for compassionate end-of-life care and bereavement programs in MetroWest, while also expanding the breadth of services offered in these areas for our community members.

Among the new grantee organizations receiving awards is Good Shepherd Community Care, which will also be reopening the Miriam Boyd Parlin Hospice Residence. In addition to our financial support for the reopening, Parmenter awarded a grant to Good Shepherd to launch Caminos de Paz, a hospice program to serve the unique needs of Latino populations in MetroWest.

Parmenter is also honored to provide funding to Mass General for Children for its pilot Pediatric Bereavement Program (see article), as well as to Charlies’ Guys, to support its bereaved siblings program, tailoring gifts and experiences for children who have lost a sibling. Rounding out the four new recipients this cycle is Lucy’s Love Bus, which received funding for its new innovative program that provides respite care assistance to families whose children are suffering from serious illnesses.

The grants also include awards for organizations that have cultivated a strong relationship with Parmenter in previous grant cycles. These include a program expansion for Jeff’s Place of Framingham; Beth Israel Lahey Health at Home, where funds will support Camp Erin Boston and HEARTplay, both serving youth who are grieving the death of important people in their lives; Care Dimensions, which provides comprehensive hospice, palliative care and grief support, whose award will support an Uber Health program that offers rides for family members to visit patients receiving hospice care; and a gift card program for Wildflower, to help provide summer clothing and camp supplies for their campers, all of whom have suffered the loss of a parent.

Grant Applications Due October 1st!
We are now accepting applications for our 2023 grants. Grant applications received by October 1st will be evaluated by our grant committee. Our Board of Trustees will vote to approve grants, and notifications will be made in December. Grants will be awarded in January, 2023. If you are associated with a 501(c)(3) organization or know of one serving MetroWest families and seeking funding in our mission areas of bereavement support and compassionate end-of-life care, please follow the link to find our grant application and instructions: https://parmenterfoundation.org/grant-application-process for submission by October 1, 2022.

Pediatric Bereavement Program Launched at MGfC

Losing a child is a devastating experience. Mass General for Children’s Pediatric Bereavement Program helps families navigate the first two years of their grief, while also providing support for the clinical caregivers who play an important role in that journey.

“We are thrilled to support Mass General for Children in its innovative and compassionate endeavor to provide a continuum of support for families after the unimaginable loss of a child. We are hopeful that this project will pave the way for expanded bereavement care in our community.” - Angela Crocker, Executive Director of The Parmenter Foundation

Annual Lights of Remembrance Service
All are welcome to join us as we illuminate the Dora Efthim Healing Garden located at the Miriam Boyd Parlin Hospice Residence in Wayland, MA. You may also participate by purchasing a symbolic light in memory of a loved one for the ceremony to support local compassionate hospice care.

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Save the Date: Modern Loss Event

Modern Loss
A candid conversation about grief and healing with author Rebecca Soffer

Wednesday, November 2, 2022
7:00 PM
Weston Community Center

Hosted by The Parmenter Foundation

Please join us for a candid, no-holds-barred discussion with Rebecca Soffer, the author of two books, most recently The Modern Loss Handbook: An Interactive Guide to Moving Through Grief and Building Your Resilience. She is also cofounder of the modernloss.com community, which since 2013 has become a leader in elevating the conversation around living honestly – and living well – with loss across the long term. Based on her own experience with the sudden deaths of her parents, Rebecca brings a fresh, warm, and even humor-infused perspective to grief and loss in her aim to normalize how we regard this universal experience. She is also full of practical and creative advice, without platitudes or assurances, on navigating through the grief journey and providing meaningful support to those along the way.

The event will be moderated by local grief expert, Ken Barringer, M.A., LMHC, founder of the H.E.A.L.I.N.G. grief support program in Newton, MA.
Rebecca will be available to sign copies of her book following the program.

Miriam Boyd Parlin Hospice Residence Update

We are excited to announce that with strong financial support from The Parmenter Foundation, Good Shepherd Community Care will reopen the Miriam Boyd Parlin Hospice Residence this October. Renovations are underway at 10 Green Way (on the Traditions of Wayland property).

New Videos Added to our Pet Loss Series Focus on Navigating the End of a Pet's Life

Building on our five-part video series, "Unconditional Love, Unique Loss," which delves into the challenging aftermath of a pet's death, we worked with social workers from two prominent local pet hospitals to produce new videos that explore the often excruciating end of a pet's life. The two new videos include expert advice regarding such areas as communicating with vets following a pet's difficult diagnosis, determining treatment plans and evaluating when a beloved animal is ready for euthanasia. In addition, the seasoned social workers offer first-hand recommendations regarding how to approach the extremely emotional final few days.

Visit Pet Loss · Parmenter Foundation to view all seven videos in our series.
Thank you for helping to bring **SUNSHINE** to children who are grieving!

With your generosity we reached our goal of **$50K to support grieving children!**

Virtual Lunch and Learn Hosted by MetroWest Nonprofit Network

If you have friends or relatives who may be interested in learning more about Parmenter, please share this opportunity for them to hear an overview from our Executive Director, Angela Crocker. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

Register here: parmenterfoundation.org/events
Follow The Parmenter Foundation on Facebook and/or Instagram to see upcoming, exclusive deals and discounts from local businesses! Help us build community while providing our neighbors hope and healing from grief.

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