



2016 Year in Review

2016 was a year of planning and building for the future, as well as refining and expanding services already offered by the Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

In preparation for its 20th year of service, the Center held an Anniversary Luncheon on October 13, 2016, honoring 20 of its most dedicated supporters. Some 650 guests gathered to hear Zak Williams, son of the late Robin Williams, speak about his own grief journey following the death of his father.

EXPANDING INTO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY

After receiving grant funding from Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation, and New York Life Foundation, the Center worked rapidly to establish the Children's Bereavement Center-Rio Grande Valley with offices in Harlingen. To serve this four-county area, one counselor remains on-site at the Valley Center, while the other serves as "mobile counselor" and provides services throughout the region. The San Antonio counseling team trained the new staff and provided educational programs for Valley-area professionals, in partnership with the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley. Several school districts, including McAllen, Edinburg,

Brownsville and Los Fresnos have asked for individualized education for their staff, and the Brownsville Children's Museum has offered to host support groups at their facility. The Valley Center opened its doors on February 6, 2017.



MEETING INCREASED DEMAND

The Center experienced a 10% increase in services provided during 2016. A total of 1,626 unduplicated individuals received assistance, a second Sibling Support Group was created and the Center is now open seven days per week to accommodate demand for support groups and individual counseling.



GRIEF SUPPORT FOR AT-RISK TEENS

The Center continues to partner with several local schools to provide counseling and peer support groups on campus for grieving, at-risk students. This year Brackenridge Elementary School was added to KIPP:UPREP, Healy Murphy Center, and Lanier High School for on-site peer support and counseling services. These students also participated in the first "Camp Heroes: Beyond the Walls" a three day experience for teens, held for the first time in June 2016. This "day camp" was offered to all high school students currently served by the Center, as well as the Lanier catchment area. A total of 19 teens attended this pilot project. In addition, five of these teens also attended Camp Kangaroo in October, another first for the Center and a first-

PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT

time experience for them.

The Center was asked to serve as one of ten sites across the U.S. participating in a nationwide research project to develop and validate evidence based screening and outcome measurements for grieving children. The tool developed from this research, will help establish best practices in the treatment of grieving children. Throughout 2016 the Center's clinical staff worked with Dr. Julie Kaplow, Director of the UTHSC Grief and Trauma Center in Houston, who is nationally known for her work in the development of bereavement informed best practices. Implementation of this project began in January 2017.

GRIEF CAMPS MEET UNMET NEEDS

Initiated by the Center in 2014, grief camps, continued to improve in 2016, increasing the number of attendees and expanding the program to accommodate teens. Two sessions of Camp Heroes were held at the Center, during spring break and Thanksgiving break. For the first time, a therapy dog was incorporated into the Camp Heroes activities. Camp Kangaroo was again held at Camp Tejas near Giddings in early October, welcoming 44 campers ages 7-17 who enjoyed traditional camp activities, swimming, rock wall climbing, and zip lining, in addition to age appropriate grief sessions. The Center has been asked to partner with Hermann Sons in the summer of 2017 to provide a grief camp at their location in Comfort, Texas.



THE CENTER GETS HIGH RATING

Non-profit evaluator, Charity Navigator, awarded the Center a four-star rating for the first time in 2016. This is the highest such rating and means the Center "exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in its cause." Charity Navigator bases its ratings on a non-profit's financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Donors can use these ratings to provide clear, objective, and reliable assessments of a nonprofit organization, and therefore can be more confident that in supporting the charities rated highly by Charity Navigator, they are supporting organizations that are more financially healthy, accountable, and transparent.



FACILITIES

After five years of continual use, the Center needed some repairs and maintenance.
Carpeting was replaced throughout the second floor children's activity space, the facility interior was repainted, and a struggling air conditioning unit was replaced.



THANK YOU KAWHI!

In April, San Antonio Spur Kawhi Leonard received the 2015-16 Kia NBA Defensive Player of the Year Award. Leonard was awarded a 2016 Kia Sorento SUV, which he immediately donated to the Center. The SUV is now used by the Center's staff for travel to presentations in and around San Antonio, and for frequent trips to the new Center in the Rio Grande Valley.

Goals and Results

The following goals have been set by the clinical staff for Healing Programs for Grieving Youth and are measured by semi-annual evaluation surveys.*

- 90% of children will report that they found the program safe and supportive. (97%)
- 90% of children will report that they felt less alone and isolated. (93%)
- 90% of caregivers, who report children with behavioral problems upon entering the program will report an improvement. (87%)
- 90% of caregivers, who report children with emotional problems upon entering the program will report an improvement. (94%)
- 90% of caregivers and children will report they understand their grief more. (93%)
- 90% of caregivers and children will report overall satisfaction with the program. (94%)
 - * Actual levels of achievement for 2016 appear in parentheses.

2016 Program Service Numbers



935

Peer Support Groups

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVED:

515 Individuals Served (6,833 Units of Service*)

ADULT CAREGIVERS:

420 Individuals Served (4,990 Units of Service*)

1,110

Individual & Family Counseling

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVED:

230 Individuals Served (1,634 Units of Service*)

ADULT CAREGIVERS:

75 Individuals Served (612 Units of Service*)

TELEPHONE CALLS/CONSULTS:

1,012 Individuals Served (180 Units of Service*)



1,032

Family Assessments

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVED:

578 Individuals Served (1,055 Units of Service*)

ADULT CAREGIVERS:

454 Individuals Served (832 Units of Service*)



188

Camps & External Groups

CAMP

(CHILDREN & ADULTS SERVED):

135 Individuals Served (2,801 Units of Service*)

EXTERNAL GROUPS:

59 Children Served (479 Units of Service*) TYA

300 Family Workshops

300 INDIVIDUALS SERVED

(900 Units of Service*)



8,837

Community Outreach

TRAINING, EDUCATION & OUTREACH

TOTALS:

10,482 Individuals for ALL programs and services 55,160 Units of Service for ALL programs and services*

* Each Unit of Service is based on a standard mental health hour of 50 minutes.



FINANCIALS

FISCAL YEAR: JANUARY 1, 2016 - DECEMBER 31, 2016

Revenue: \$2,112,344



- Grants & Foundations: 42%
- Fundraising Events: 21%
- Individual & Corporate Contributions: 19%
- In-Kind Contributions: 14%
- Program Fees: 1%
- Other Income: 3%

Expenses: \$1,971,645



- Program Services: 87%
- Management & General: 7%
- Fundraising: 6%

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