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# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

rieving the loss of a loved one is a difficult process, even for adults. Death of a parent or significant loved one can have a profound impact on the rest of a child's life. For children who don't have a healthy way to cope, grief can take the form of physical illness, anxiety, depression, aggression, PTSD, violence against self or others, alcohol/drug abuse, decreased academic performance, and other problematic behaviors. But at the Center, we know with the right resources that hope and healing are possible.





e believe that everyone's grief journey is different and deserving of a unique approach. In order to help each grieving child find their voice, we have incorporated various expressive art techniques in order to empower them and let them know that they can go on to lead healthy and productive lives. It's through our highly trained and experienced staff that we're able to provide individual counseling, peer support groups, as well as grief camps three times a year – all at no cost to the family. Our goal is to provide hope and guidance for both children and families in a time of darkness, as they process their journey through grief.



#### **STATISTICS** Nationwide Poll of the Parents of Grieving Children

National Poll of Bereaved Children and Teenagers	52%	Talking to their friends about the death is hard
	<b>15%</b>	Trouble concentrating on school work
	<b>60%</b>	Most people don't understand what it is like to have a family member die when you are young
	76%	What they like the most about the grief group/counseling: 1) Meeting people who are going through grief like them (76%), and 2) Making new friends (62%)

children will lose a parent or sibling by the age of 25 in the state of Texas. Estimating 1,161,383 children in Texas to be bereaved.



### 2018 | PROGRAM SERVICE NUMBERS Children's Bereavement Center of San Antonio & the Rio Grande Valley



aloma Place opened in 2018 and was created in partnership with the University of Texas San Antonio. The mission has been to serve the residents of Wilson County and the surrounding areas by offering quality counseling services and support. It was initially created to serve those affected by the Sutherland Springs tragedy.

Visit PalomaPlace.org for more information.



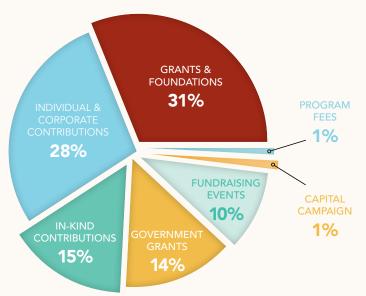
Bert Pfiester and Marian Sokol (CBCST Executive Director) photographed with Paloma Place staff: JoAnn Flores, Sara Mann, Marilyn Grubbs and Ashley Jesse (Paloma Place Program Director) at the Grand Opening.



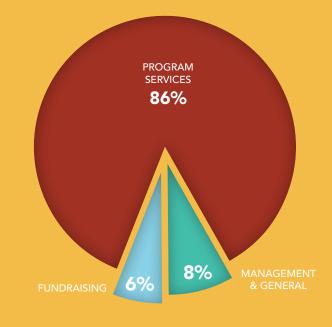


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