



THE PEGGY F. MURPHY
**Community
Grief Center**

GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE



Celebrating 10 Years of Hope for Those Who Go on Living

Ten years ago, Stillwater Hospice took an extraordinary step in service to our community by establishing the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center for those who go on living after the death of a loved one. We provide grief counseling and programming to any adult in Northeast Indiana, at no charge, due to the generosity of our community. Since 2015, the Center has become a sanctuary of comfort, hope, and healing for countless individuals who face the overwhelming pain of loss.

As we honor this milestone, we are reminded of the thousands of lives touched by the Grief Center's care—a place where loss meets love and healing begins. Now, as we celebrate 10 years of providing hope, we are called to secure the future of this vital work. With your help, we will expand our programs and enhance our Center to continue meeting the growing needs of our community.

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no one faces grief alone.***

Join Us in Building a Legacy

Your gift is not just a donation—it is an act of love to provide hope. By supporting the 10th Anniversary Campaign, you are helping to build a legacy of care and hope for all who face grief in Northeast Indiana. Together, we can ensure that the next 10 years are filled with even greater compassion, comfort, and guidance.



For more information or to pledge your support, please visit stillwater-hospice.org/hope or contact Monica Chamberlain at (260) 435-3236.

LET'S BUILD A FUTURE OF HOPE, TOGETHER.





Why Now? The Growing Need

Grief is one of life's great equalizers—no one is immune. It reaches across every boundary of age, culture, and background. Every year in Allen County alone, over 3,700 families experience the loss of a loved one, leaving thousands in need of support, understanding, and guidance. We also serve grieving individuals in 11 surrounding counties.

EACH YEAR

3,700+ ALLEN COUNTY FAMILIES experience the loss of a loved one

Grief affects every aspect of life, leaving many feeling isolated and overwhelmed, especially in a society that often misunderstands or avoids mourning. Without support, unresolved grief can lead to serious mental and physical health challenges, including depression, substance abuse, and increased hospitalizations. Compassionate education and support are essential to help individuals heal, particularly for those facing complicated grief from traumatic losses like overdose, suicide, or homicide. By addressing grief in healthy ways, individuals can regain their well-being, reduce medical burdens, and find the strength to move forward.

In the past decade, the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center has seen a 268% increase in demand for its services. Grief doesn't wait, and neither can we. Our community deserves a space where healing can take root and grow, and that is why we must act now. By enhancing our facility and expanding our programs, we can ensure that no one faces grief alone.



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Campaign Goal: \$1,265,600

Update the Center (\$278,500)

Our facility upgrades are needed after ten years of use. These include:

Paint and Carpet Replacement	\$205,000	After 10 years of use, the Peggy F. Community Grief Center is in need of fresh paint and carpet replacement.
Lower-Level Conference Video and Audio System	\$50,000	This will enable hybrid and virtual attendance of our educational sessions, workshops and events to ensure that anyone, anywhere can access these offerings. An improved sound system will ensure that every voice is heard during the meetings and presentations that are held in this space.
Community Room Audio System	\$20,000	
Concrete Leveling	\$3,500	This will maintain stability and security of the facility.

Maintain and Enhance the Serenity of Campus (\$62,100)

Labyrinth Construction	\$41,600	A tranquil outdoor labyrinth will offer a space for reflection, meditation, and healing—allowing visitors to find moments of peace during their journey through grief.
Pond Rock Landscaping	\$15,000	Enhancing the natural beauty of our grounds will create a peaceful, nurturing environment for healing and reflection.
Shrub Replacement	\$5,500	A well-maintained landscape speaks to the care and dignity that define our services, offering comfort to all who visit.

Continue and Expand Programs (\$425,000)

Grief affects each person differently, and our programs must reflect that diversity. By introducing innovative services and expanding one-on-one counseling, support groups, and educational workshops, we will ensure that every individual—regardless of background—finds the support they need to heal.

Planning for the Future

With a growing endowment and diversified funding, we will secure the future of the Grief Center for generations to come. Your gift ensures that this vital resource remains available to all, today and always..

Future Facility Maintenance Funds	\$250,000	Will help with impending future needs, both known, like heating and cooling systems, and unknown.
Grief Center Endowment Fund	\$250,000	Investing in our endowment ensures that we can give the gift of hope to generations to come.



The Impact of Your Gift

Your generosity will do more than support a building—it will transform lives:

TOUCH THOUSANDS

Every person in our community will eventually experience grief. Your support ensures they have hope in their darkest hours.

PROMOTE HEALING

By addressing grief compassionately, we can help individuals avoid long-term emotional and physical consequences.

EMPOWER THE FUTURE

Your contribution positions Stillwater Hospice as a national leader in grief care, ensuring that Northeast Indiana residents remain at the forefront of compassionate support.

THE VISION

A Community of Care

Imagine a community where no one grieves alone. Where every loss is met with understanding, every heartache with hope. That is the vision we hold for the next decade and beyond. The updated Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center will stand as a beacon of healing and connection, offering solace to all who seek it.

Following the close of the campaign in 2025, Stillwater Hospice will create a Contributor Recognition Installation that will be placed in the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center.

Leaders Circle \$20,000+	Chairs Circle \$10,000 - \$19,999	Directors Circle \$5,000-\$9,999
Benefactors \$2,500-\$4,999		Friends \$1-\$2,499

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