

Light House

For Grieving Children & Families



The Lighthouse Program for Grieving Children is founded. Four facilitators establish our unique child-centric Lighthouse groups. "We quietly and diligently went about creating an excellent program that would have a far reaching effect"
– Jo Fallon

1999



Spring 2004 –
Our first home is rented. Financial support comes from The Oakville Club and one private donor.

2004



Memorial Garden - a car park is transformed into a Memorial Garden created by the students and staff of Appleby College.

2006



Lighthouse receives a major grant from The Ontario Trillium Foundation, enabling more key staff positions and the ability to facilitate more groups. We are now educating in schools to raise awareness about Lighthouse.

2008



Britta Martini Miles takes over from Jo as Executive Director

2011



Jo receives YMCA Peace Award.

Lighthouse begins to engage with a wider community and helps fundraise with the Oakville Half Marathon.

2013



2016 – 2522 Rebecca Street is announced as our permanent home, opens November 2016.

Annual Lighthouse events foster community and raise essential funds: Run4Lighthouse, Power of 10, and Bring & Buy



2017 - Our inaugural Grief Symposium, 130+ professionals in healthcare, education and in the medical field attend.

2020

Lighthouse is operating as a reputable charity in spaces donated by generous supporters in the community. Support grows with donations of time, services, expertise and money, allowing the foundation for the organization to be laid.

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First groups start at Wilson Street in **October 2004**.

Staff, Families and Volunteers raise awareness in the community, with groups run by 21 Volunteer Facilitators.



Lighthouse receives its first United Way grant.



2015 – 2017
The Legacy Campaign



2019 - We celebrate 20 years! Thanks to our Donors, Volunteers, Facilitators and Staff, Lighthouse continues to support hundreds of grieving children and their families every year.

2020 -
A founding member of the Canadian Alliance for Grieving Children and Youth



Multicultural Outreach Project 2020
Internal multicultural audit and engagement with multicultural communities on children's grief