

judi's house annual report

HOPE AND HEALING FOR GRIEVING CHILDREN :: OCTOBER 2007

board of directors

Brian Griese
Founder/President

Bill Mosher
Vice-President

Kathy Kaley
Treasurer

Michael Bell
Ted Bellamy
Doug Chapiewsky
Pat Cortez
Joaquin Dulitzky
Jeannine Hansen
Mary Haynes
Phil Hicks
Kelly Johnson
Kathleen McCracken
Dean Prina, M.D.
Pia Smith
Sue Stevinson
John Wickliff

staff

Karmen Carter
Executive Director

Anthony Hodes
Director of Development & Communications

Judy Becerra
Director of Programs

Jason Stout
Outreach & Education Manager

Mark Clubb, MA LPC
Spanish-Speaking Program Coordinator

Melyssa Levin
Program Coordinator

Carolyn McDonald
Program Coordinator

Atsuko Okuzawa
Program Coordinator

Tara Roesener
Executive Assistant

Candace Wengert
Administrative Assistant

One Thousand Cranes

When Josh was 9 years old, his grandpa, "Papa Jo," died after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Josh's mom was concerned about him. He seemed sad and more to himself. When she tried to talk to him, he simply said, "I'm fine mom, don't worry."

After noticing a change in Josh, his teacher called to ask if everything was alright at home. She told Josh's mom about a place that helped children like Josh - a place called Judi's House.

Josh's mom brought him to Judi's House to learn about what happens there and tour the house. During that tour, Josh learned how many kids who have lost someone they love come and talk in groups with other kids their own age, each sharing about the person they lost. Josh saw the rooms where kids use art, sand trays, and even their own pent-up energy in the energy room to get their feelings out.

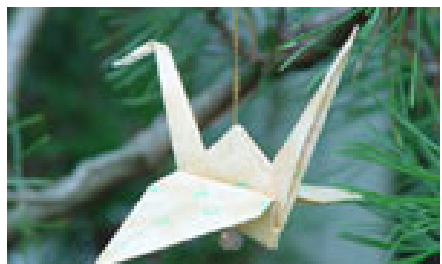
During group, Josh met other kids who felt the same way he did. And every one of them shared the story of their loved one who had died. Josh told them all about his Papa Jo and how much he missed him. Everyone listened and seemed to understand his pains. During free time, Josh went to the art room and drew a picture while he talked to some of the adults about his Papa.

The next time he visited Judi's House, Josh noticed a cool folded piece of paper hanging from a string. It looked a lot like a bird flying through the hallway. Josh thought, "I'm great at making paper airplanes. I bet I can make one of those birds and maybe give it as a present to my mom!" His mom was fighting against cancer. Josh was scared. During group

that night, Josh asked Atsuko, the adult running his group, about the folded bird.

Atsuko showed him how to fold the bird, which is a crane using the ancient Japanese art of origami that she had learned from her family. And while they folded the crane, Atsuko told Josh the story of One Thousand Cranes.

This story is about Sadako Sasaki who was two years old when the atomic bomb was dropped in Hiroshima, Japan one mile from her home. When she was 9 years old, Sadako was diagnosed with Leukemia and while in the hospital fighting this illness, she began to fold one thousand cranes, as legend had it that



anyone who folded one thousand cranes would be granted one wish by a crane. That wish could be long life, peace, even recovery from illness.

Josh went home and worked to fold the crane as he had been shown. He went through paper after paper. He folded them during lunch time at school, at night, instead of playing video games, whenever he could. Sometimes he would quit out of frustration, thinking he would never get it. And then on Sunday night, he finally got it right, creating the most beautiful, elegant crane!

(Continued on page 2)

(continued from Page 1)

On Monday, Josh returned to Judi's House and Atsuko's group.

"Josh, how is your origami coming?" Atsuko inquired - then and there, Josh folded a perfect crane.

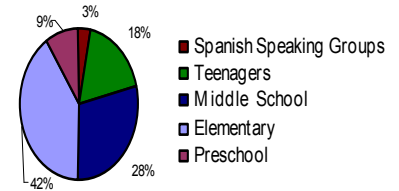
"Wow!! You have been practicing haven't you?" she said. He smiled and looked proud.

"I want to fold 1,000 cranes with you.....for the kids at Judi's House who need help and healing!"

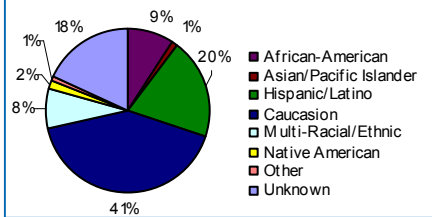
children/teenagers

263 children and teenagers participated in Judi's House groups.

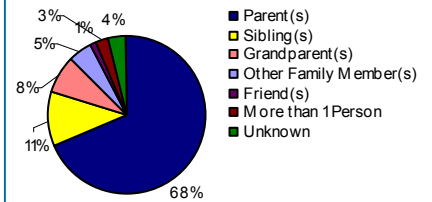
AGE/GROUP



RACE/ETHNICITY



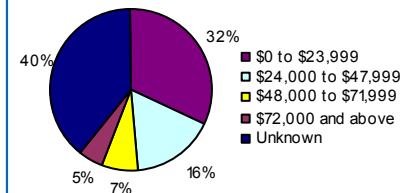
PERSON WHO DIED WAS CHILD'S:



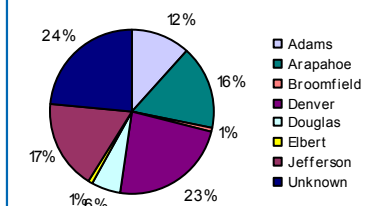
families

These children and teenagers were from 180 families.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME



COUNTY



Five Year Strategic Business Plan

In March of 2007, the Board of Directors, with input from key stakeholders in the community, mapped the strategic business plan for the agency for the next five years. Through this process the agency's mission, vision, successes in the first five years, strengths, and capacity were considered. Special attention was given to the ongoing needs for grief support services focused on children in Colorado and beyond.

The resulting strategic business includes:

- * A pointed commitment to the continued longitudinal research study of children and grief begun in 2006 through a contract with CU Boulder's Department of Psychology

- * Development of "best practice" interventions based on this research and dissemination of findings from this research nationally
- * Diversified outreach to grieving youth and children in the community through cultivation of community partnerships and collaboration
- * Ongoing investment in the organizational infrastructure to support agency growth
- * Embracing the agency's values of

PREVENTION
INCLUSION
INNOVATION
COLLABORATION
COMPASSION

Our Volunteers

GROUP FACILITATORS

Thea Andrianakos
 Lisa Bachar
 Christine Betts
 Beth Boettcher
 Patty Bradley
 Amy Burkhardt
 Amber Camus
 Alicia Chavez
 Amanda Chesmore
 Mindy Couture
 Brady Dolsen
 Lisa Dubois
 Kimberly Engleman
 Susan Fenstermann
 Lauren Fishbein
 Dianne Foss
 Susan Fox Buchanan
 Annie Frey
 Brittany Fulle
 Brandy Gonzalez
 Susan Graham
 Kathryn Grainger
 Stephanie Houghton
 Karen Houts-Whiting
 Sarah Jorgensen
 Shannon Kershaw
 Dawn Leopardi
 Beth Long
 Melissa Mayne
 Bill Mosher
 Amy Nuttall

Corin Recht
 Maggie Recker
 Debora Ross
 Michele Sliger
 Kim Stewart-Heberlein
 Jason Stout
 Marissa Tornatore
 Shirley Tracey
 John Wickliff
 Amber Willoughby

NOURISHMENT PROVIDERS

Stacey Bondar
 Molly Broeren Mosher
 Sarah Clubb
 Renee Cohen
 Angie Cordill
 Wendy Dressel
 Mike Falzone
 Kate Ferguson
 Ellen Ferguson
 Jackie Hallett
 Kelly Hedlund
 Kelly Johnson
 Alec Kemp
 Traci Kinner
 Mary Noonan
 Ana-Alicia Padia
 Karen Ragsdale
 Mihira Rosazza
 Monica Shanley
 Larah Thomson

Kendra Trebil
 Roni Vallejos
 Michelle Wengert
 Michelle Wilkinson

DEPARTING BOARD

Ken Larson

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Dean Prina, Chair
 Ted Bellamy
 Doug Chapiewsky
 Kate Ferguson
 Brittany Fulle
 Brian Griese
 Phil Hicks
 Joe Hornstein
 Sanjeev Javia
 Sue Stevinson
 Greg Weaver
 John Wickliff

MARKETING COMMITTEE

Jeannine Hansen, Chair
 Ann Bayles
 Joaquin Dulitzky
 Brian Griese
 Mary Haynes
 Kelly Jorgenson Johnson
 Kathleen McCracken
 Pia Smith

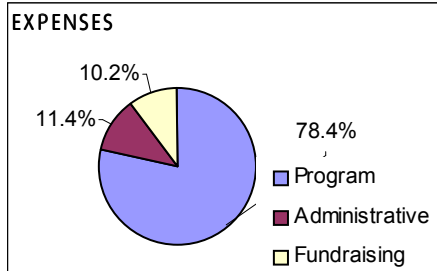
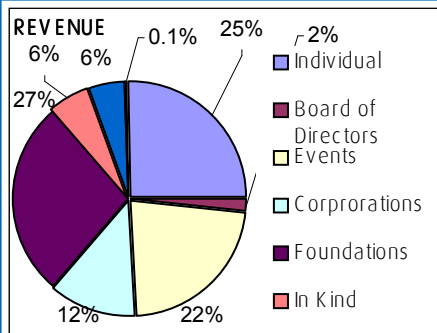
A donation to Judi's House reflects a donor's investment in and commitment to supporting grieving children and youth. In recognition of this, we work to ensure fiscal efficiencies that assure that more than 78% of every gift goes directly to program support.

2006-2007 Financials

Judi's House maintains a July 1st to June 30th fiscal year. During the most recent fiscal year the agency:

- * Efficiently managed and reduced its administrative costs
- * Further diversified its funding streams
- * Sustained a healthy balance of donor giving
- * Exceeded revenue and fundraising projections

Because of strong donor support, it began the 2007-2008 well positioned to implement year one of its five year strategic business plan and in a position to extend its capacity to provide grief support services to children and their adult caregivers.



(These charts are based on unaudited financial information as of September 2007)

Our Major Donors

\$10,000 & ABOVE

Arie and Ida Crown Memorial
 Stephen Barney
 Hardy & Amy Brumfield
 Douglas & Catherine Chapiewsky
 Charles T. Beard Foundation
 Adolph Coors Family Foundation
 The Denver Foundation
 Great West Life Insurance Company
 Brian Griese & Brook McClintic Griese
 David Hicks Brokerage, Inc.
 Christopher Hehmeyer
 Phil & Kathleen Hicks
 Jackson National Life Insurance Co.
 David Lee
 Donna Levine
 NFL Charities
 Nike, Inc. and Affiliates
 Nouveau Riche University
 Office Depot
 Greg & Sue Stevinson
 Greg & Jessica Weaver

\$5,000 TO \$9,999

Annette Kenney & Ian Barclay
 The Colorado Trust
 Community Bancshares, Inc.
 Endeavor Holdings, LLC
 Ewing Tool Company, Inc.
 First Bank
 Bob & Shay Griese
 IMA Financial Group
 Land Title Guaranty Company
 Tim McManus & Rhonda Knop
 John McDonnell
 Bill Mosher & Molly Broeren
 PCL Construction
 Servicestar Development Company
 Real Business Solutions
 Rose Women's Organization
 Al & Frances Troppmann
 Kent Vick & Susan Spencer-Vick
 The Vollbracht Family Foundation
 Lloyd David and Carlye Cannon Wattis Foundation
 Mary White
 John Wickliff
 Winning Spirit, LLC/Thunder Foundation

\$1,000 TO \$4,999

Alberta Capital Investments, LLC
 Anschutz Foundation
 Terri Baldwin
 Bean Fields Professional Services
 Thomas W. Bean Foundation
 Thomas Begel
 Michael Bell
 Ted & Lisa Bellamy
 Galen & Sara Bellamy
 Benson Mineral Group
 Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, PC
 Cadence Capital Investments, LLC
 Castle Rock Development Co.
 Chesapeake Rocky Mountain, LLC
 The Colorado Trust
 Continuum Partners, LLC
 Crosbie Real Estate Group, Inc.
 William & Tammy Damrath
 The Daniels Group, Inc.
 Paul DeCrescentis
 Drake Real Estate Services
 John G. Duncan Trust

Edgemark Development Services, LLC
 William & Teresa Elder
 Elk River Realty, Inc.
 Christopher Erickson
 Ewing Tool Company
 Kate Ferguson
 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company
 Field of Dreams.com
 Foster Wheeler North America Corp.
 Freed Family Foundation
 GDA Real Estate Services
 Charles George
 Steven & Nicky Gittelman
 Mark Goldberg
 David & Susan Grove
 Jeannine Hansen
 Douglas Hatfield
 Mary Haynes
 Daniel & Dawn Horvat
 Walter & Christie Isenberg
 Istock Family Foundation
 Chris & Kelly Johnson
 Johnson Moving & Storage Co. Foundation
 Katherine Kaley
 Kamlet Shepherd & Reichert, LLP
 Matt & Tracy Kinner
 Lisa Marie Koenigsberg
 Dain & Ewa Krisulevitz
 Ken Larson & Kathleen Humphrey
 LS&K Family Foundation
 Scott Lauck
 Martin & Kathleen McCracken
 McWhinney Enterprises/Foundation
 Maddux & Company
 Matthew Merola
 Miller Weingarten Realty, LLC
 Steven & Ellen Miura
 Dave & Sherry Mowatt
 Dan & Stacy Nacinovich
 Diane Piccolo
 Dean Prina, M.D.
 Donald & Kristin Provost
 Red Robin International, Inc.
 Regency Realty Group, Inc.
 Rick & Jan Rivers
 Rollie R. Kelley Family Foundation
 Joel & Tia Scott
 Shea Homes, L.P.
 Ruth Silver
 Bruce & Sandy Smith
 Pia Smith
 Southeast Business Partnership
 William & Lisa Snyder
 Stacy R. Weisman Rev Living Trust
 Staubach Retail Services
 Swift Trucking
 Synergy Fine Wines
 THF Realty, Inc.
 Walton Street Capital, LLC
 WellDyne Rx
 Wells Fargo Foundation
 Michael & Leslie Winn
 John & Julia Young
 Steve & Heather Young
MAJOR IN-KIND DONORS
 Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House
 Denver Concierge
 Luca d'Italia
 Metro Mechanical Services
 Moyer White, LLP
 Murray & Stafford, Inc.



1741 Gaylord St.
Denver, CO 80206



judi's house

VISION/MISSION
The **vision** of Judi's House is a community in which no child has to feel alone in grief. Our **mission** is to help children and families who are grieving the death of a loved one find hope and healing within themselves.

In an effort to realize its vision and embrace its mission, the Board, Staff and Volunteers provide grief support groups to children 3-18 and their adult caregivers, raise awareness about children and grief through informal interactions and formalized training and outreach to the community, and further professional understanding of grief in children through continued investment in empirical research and development of "best practices".

JOIN A GROUP
If your children are grieving a death, please contact us (720-941-0331 or Judy@JudisHouse.org). We will talk to you about what you can expect when you come to Judi's House, schedule your family for an orientation session and send a Family Application Packet.

VOLUNTEER
Please visit our web site to learn about the various ways that you can volunteer at Judi's House.

www.JudisHouse.org

inside

October 2007: ANNUAL REPORT

- » One Thousand Cranes
- » Our Volunteers
- » Our Programs
- » Our Donors
- » Our Finances

TO UNSUBSCRIBE
If you want to stop receiving this newsletter, let us know in an email to Tara@JudisHouse.org.

