

## About Edmarc Hospice For Children

In 1978, a Presbyterian minister from Suffolk named Edward Page, Sr. and a boy in his congregation, Marcus Hogge, were both dying from terminal illnesses. Rather than let this defeat them, their two families worked together to create something positive. The nation's first pediatric hospice – Edmarc – was the result, named in memory of Ed and Marcus.

Today Edmarc Hospice For Children helps children with life-threatening illnesses and their families throughout Hampton Roads. Whether it's home health care, hospice, bereavement support, or other assistance, we strive to ease the traumatic effects that a child's illness or death has on everyone in the family.



### Our Families Need You

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## Peace By Piece

*An Interfaith  
Program for Grieving  
Children and Teens*



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A Program of  
Edmarc Hospice For Children  
in Partnership with  
Jewish Family Service of Tidewater, Inc.

*"If you're old enough to love,  
you're old enough to grieve."*

—Alan Wolfelt, Ph.D.

In an ideal world, children would be protected from pain. In the real world, they face the same kind of pain adults do, especially when they lose someone they love. For a child, this kind of trauma turns their safe, dependable world upside down.

To help them cope with their grief, it's vital that a child be given an emotional safe haven. Fortunately, this haven is available in Hampton Roads through an interfaith program called *Peace by Piece*.

From September to June, *Peace by Piece* offers a supportive, caring environment

in which children and teens who've experienced the death of a loved one can process their grief and adjust to a different world.

Twice a month for as long as they need it, kids can play, talk, take part in activities, or just be with others their age who know what they're going through. This helps them begin the slow but sure process of healing, hopefully returning to a sense of peace.



## How *Peace by Piece* Works

A program of Edmarc Hospice for Children in partnership with Jewish Family Service of Tidewater, Inc., *Peace by Piece* assigns children and teens to age-appropriate peer groups. For a sense of stability, these groups always meet in the same location.

Each group is led by volunteer facilitators who have undergone extensive screening and attended extensive grief support training. Children are overseen by two experienced professionals: the director of Edmarc's Bereavement Program and a licensed mental-health professional from Jewish Family Service.

If a child or teen needs additional services, Jewish Family Service professionals can offer therapeutic counseling or provide the family with alternate referral information.

## Peace by Piece Volunteer Opportunities

### Support Group Facilitator

Facilitators must be competent at creating a trusting, caring environment. They must be able to listen, share, and establish relationships with children and adults. The best candidates will have high levels of maturity, compassion, and acceptance of others, along with the ability to maintain a professional manner. Facilitators serve two evenings a month from 5:30 to 9:15 p.m. Before placement, candidates must complete the application process, undergo a criminal history screening, have a tuberculosis test, and attend an extensive grief support training course.



### Peace Pal

Duties for this support position include organizing the meeting place, greeting families, and assisting with light clean-up after the meeting. Light clerical support may also be required. Volunteers must be well organized, dependable and flexible, as well as have good interpersonal skills and access to transportation. Peace Pals may choose to serve one or two evenings a month between the hours of 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Before placement, volunteers must complete the application process, undergo a criminal history screening, and attend a two-hour grief support orientation.

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## How You Can Help

Your gift to support *Peace by Piece* will ensure that grieving children are given the chance to heal and find the peace they deserve.

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