

## MOMS REACHING OUT

*We are a team, working together, to bring hope and encouragement by helping moms and dads connect with other parents and connect with God.*

**Updated February, 2022**

**Arizona, Anthem** (near Phoenix) ..... Journey of the Heart groups with Julie Moore, [juliemoore0619@gmail.com](mailto:juliemoore0619@gmail.com) (623) 512-1824; with Jacque Wagner, [jacque.m.wagner@gmail.com](mailto:jacque.m.wagner@gmail.com) and with Helen Anderson.

Although we presently don't have full monthly support groups or a local annual conference, we do want to be available to our moms. Julie is open to meeting weekly in small groups with moms in the Phoenix area, using Daisy Catchings-Shader's "Under God's Umbrella." (Space is limited so please contact Julie for info)

**California, Blythe** (Journey of Hope Support Group for Grieving Moms)  
Bobbi Friend, 760-774-7831 ..... [bobbifriend@outlook.com](mailto:bobbifriend@outlook.com) Contact Bobbi for additional information or to be encouraged one on one.

**California, Corona/ Inland Empire Umbrella Moms!** ..... Diane Priest  
Diane Priest – [Diane@hearwego.net](mailto:Diane@hearwego.net) 951-232-3530  
Kathleen Kelly-McCall – [kathleenmcall200@hotmail.com](mailto:kathleenmcall200@hotmail.com) 951-440-2014  
Maria Orozco -- Se Habla Espanol – 909-201-1925

Our Private Page for sharing your heart – reaching out – testimonies – inspiration -  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/I.E.UmbrellaMoms>

Our Public Page to Raise Awareness – For EVERYONE who is associated with someone who has lost a child – and where our Meetings and Events are posted.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SoCalUmbrellaMinistryAwarenessGroup/>

If needed, contact Diane to gain access to the FB page.

**California, Hemet** ..... (Mothers Living After Child Loss) ..... Sherrill McWilliams,  
<[sherschoof@gmail.com](mailto:sherschoof@gmail.com)>, (951) 925-5487 Meeting 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 am. Please call Sherrill for more info. Mask or no mask. Sit close together or sit 6' apart. We continue to meet.

**California, Orange County north** ..... Group Leader, Jan Tamble .... [jantamble@juno.com](mailto:jantamble@juno.com) or 714-745-5414. Co-leader, Julie Laffoon..... 714-801-6830 or [julielaffoon@hotmail.com](mailto:julielaffoon@hotmail.com)  
Monthly meetings are held the second Saturday of each month (except December), from 10:30 am - 12:30 with a light lunch after, at The Fount Church, 18225 Bushard Street, Fountain Valley.  
Monthly flyers/updates/local website are maintained by Leslie Chaney-Eames .... 702-416-4167 or, [lcappleofhiseye@gmail.com](mailto:lcappleofhiseye@gmail.com)

**California, Palm Springs area** ..... Daisy Catchings-Shader, <[dcatchings@aol.com](mailto:dcatchings@aol.com)> ,760-202-0346, founder of Umbrella Ministries

**California, San Diego** ..... Linda Stirling, [lindastirl@gmail.com](mailto:lindastirl@gmail.com) 619-871-2870, or contact [help@umbrellaministriessd.com](mailto:help@umbrellaministriessd.com) Support group meets once a month on a Saturday, 10 am - 1 pm, including a hosted lunch. Schedule of meeting dates available on local website, [umbrellaministriessd.com](http://umbrellaministriessd.com)

**California, San Diego North** ..... Diane and Richard Eisendrath, reaching out to singles and couples in the North San Diego area. They usually meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the evening and a few meetings during the year on the week-ends at their home: 1438 Independence Way, Vista, CA and Diane is the contact at 760-815-8009. Umbrella Ministries of North County .....  
<http://www.northcountyumbrellaministry.com/>



**California, Twin Peaks** ..... "Mountain Moms Healing Broken Hearts" Kathy Hall, [kathyhall82@gmail.com](mailto:kathyhall82@gmail.com) or 951-235-1616. Kathy is presently coping with health issues but she is still staying in touch with local moms. Please contact her.

**Colorado, Colorado Springs** ..... "Heavenly Hope and Healing" Lynda Shelhamer, [lynda@forbetterhealth.bz](mailto:lynda@forbetterhealth.bz) or, 719-650-2219 Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:30 at 485 Crystal Hills Blvd., Manitou Springs, Colorado Website for support group info and resources for other groups as well .....  
[www.heavenlyhopeandhealing.org](http://www.heavenlyhopeandhealing.org)

**Colorado, Littleton** (far Southwest part of Denver) .... "Recovering Hearts" is a faith based support group for moms. The group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:30-11:30 at Foothills Bible Church, 6100 S. Deviny Way, in Littleton 80127. Contact person is Bev Zier and she can be reached at: [bazier@comcast.net](mailto:bazier@comcast.net) **or** texted at 720-633-3140 for more information. Bev also administers a Facebook Group called "Recovering Hearts-Mother's Grief Support Group." It is a private group. Just request to join.

**Michigan, Zeeland** (near Holland) ..... Marcia Newenhouse, [<pmnewenhouse@yahoo.com>](mailto:pmnewenhouse@yahoo.com) Suggested resources: Starlight Ministries in Hudsonville, Michigan, <http://www.starlightmin.org>; Marcia also offers a faith based private Facebook page, ("**By Your Side for moms who grieve the death of a child**") Enter all the words in the parentheses, including the quotation marks, in the search bar on Facebook to ask to be invited.

Starlight Ministries is hosting a bereaved parent dinner on March 11 at 6:pm in Grandville MI (located in South West MI). Check the link at [https://starlightmin.dm.networkforgood.com/emails/1699678?recipient\\_id=sze7Mng33R7FhaTHNaiHdA%7C%7CcG1uZXdlbmhvdXNIQHlhaG9vLmNvbQ==](https://starlightmin.dm.networkforgood.com/emails/1699678?recipient_id=sze7Mng33R7FhaTHNaiHdA%7C%7CcG1uZXdlbmhvdXNIQHlhaG9vLmNvbQ==) Or, call 616.662.1999

Also planning to have a bereaved mom's day retreat in August of 2022. There are no details on this event yet.

**North Carolina, Charlotte** ..... Ann Bennett, <[annrben@comcast.net](mailto:annrben@comcast.net)>, 610-613-8117  
Facilitates GriefShare at The Pointe Church.

**Ohio, Sidney** (north of Dayton) ..... Annette Castle, <[acastle7@woh.rr.com](mailto:acastle7@woh.rr.com)> Facilitates GriefShare, a faith based support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

**South Carolina, Simpsonville** (outside Greenville) (*Heartstrings Simpsonville*) ..... Jan James, <[jan@pdtm.us](mailto:jan@pdtm.us)> Annual one day retreat in early spring and monthly meetings. Co-leader/ Alice Ann Holman [aadholman@gmail.com](mailto:aadholman@gmail.com)

**South Carolina, Summerville** (outside Charleston) (*Heartstrings Summerville*) ..... Bev Leckie, [bleckie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bleckie@sbcglobal.net) or 714-322-6874 ..... meeting one Tuesday evening each month at 6:30. Participates with the Simpsonville group for their annual retreat.

**Tennessee, Franklin** (about 25 minutes south of Nashville) ..... Contact Dawn Macchiavello, 949-201-9113, [dawnmacchiavello@gmail.com](mailto:dawnmacchiavello@gmail.com)

**Texas, Houston** ..... Kelly Ogansoy, 281-787-6948 or [kellyogansoy@yahoo.com](mailto:kellyogansoy@yahoo.com) Kelly is open for meeting one on one with moms in the Houston area.

**Virginia, Richmond** ..... Seeking Joy in Grief  
Monthly support meetings in Midlothian, VA, the second Tuesday of each month, 7 - 9 pm Eastern Time – meetings are in person

Annual Conference restarting in late 2022  
Website: <https://www.seekingjoyingrief.com/>  
Email: [info@seekingjoyingrief.com](mailto:info@seekingjoyingrief.com)  
Contact Kathy Brundage: 804-405-3001 or [kathy.brundage@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.brundage@gmail.com)  
Contact Launi Hermens, 703-307-0308 or [launihermens@hotmail.com](mailto:launihermens@hotmail.com)

*We also have a sister group starting in Chester, VA in February*

**Washington, Olympia** PARENTS OF HOPE & HEALING  
We welcome both moms and dads!!  
Meeting days: Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday from 6:30pm- 8pm.  
Child care is provided.

Location of meeting: Capital Christian Center, 4431 Martian Way E, Olympia, WA 98516

Contact information: Joy McDaniel  
[Joynmcdaniel@yahoo.com](mailto:Joynmcdaniel@yahoo.com) 910-391-1272

**Wisconsin, Janesville** (south of Madison by Illinois border) ..... Laura Diehl, GPS Hope Share & Care support group. Meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday, 6:30-8:00 at Roxbury Church of Christ  
Contact Laura at 608-290-6912 or [laura@gpshope.org](mailto:laura@gpshope.org) Website, [www.gpshope.org](http://www.gpshope.org)  
**NOTE: More about Laura below.**

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**With Hope Foundation**, Orange County, CA, **suicide prevention and intervention, grief support**  
<http://www.withhopefoundation.org/>  
Founder/ director, Annette Craig, [annette@withhopefoundation.org](mailto:annette@withhopefoundation.org) or call With Hope at  
714-524-1996. Check the website for information about the Suicide Bereavement Support Group as  
well as other active programs.

**lil' Gary's Legacy**, A Ministry of Christian Resource Center  
An extensive listing of, and links to, resources in the **Southern California area** for **suicide loss survivors**, suicide prevention, grief support in general, mental health issues, counseling, and still more. Email contact: Kathryn Ross, [lilgaryslegacy@cox.net](mailto:lilgaryslegacy@cox.net) ..... Website: [lilgaryslegacy.org](http://lilgaryslegacy.org)

**Grieving Parents Sharing Hope (GPS Hope)** is a non-profit ministry with a podcast, blogs, etc.  
The founder, national speaker and award-winning author, Laura Diehl, will travel to you to speak, sing and minister to your group. GPS Hope also hosts one-day conferences and weekend retreats.  
Website: [www.gpshope.org](http://www.gpshope.org) Contact Laura Diehl at 608-290-6912 or [laura@gpshope.org](mailto:laura@gpshope.org)

**Laura's books include .....**

*When Tragedy Strikes: Rebuilding Your Life with Hope and Healing After the Death of Your Child*

*My Grief Journey: Coloring Book and Journal for Grieving Parents*

*My Grief Journey for Kids Coloring Book and Journal*

*Come Grieve Through Our Eyes*

*Hope for the Future: An Advent Journey for Bereaved Parents*