



2021 HOUSE OF HOPE GALA

Luminaries & Light

Saturday
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Program

Emcee

Jim Moret

Welcome

Patty Colman & Susan Kurtzman
Gala Co-Chairs

Greetings

Robyn Santucci, Board Chair

H.U.G. Award

Amanda Kloots

Presented by Robin Blau, Fund Development Chair

Dinner

YOUR Impact

Founder’s Award

Irwin B. Feinberg, Esq.

presented by Founder, Jo-Ann Lautman

Dessert

In Conversation with Steve Leder and Amanda Kloots

moderated by Fredda Wasserman, MA, MPH, LMFT, CT

Sweet Goodbye

Message from OUR Co-Chairs

Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure and honor to welcome you to the 2021 House of Hope Gala, Luminaries and Light. Tonight marks the return of our annual Gala after last year's cancellation due to the pandemic. How grateful we feel to be celebrating with you in person at this gorgeous venue. This year more than ever, we have all been witness to so much loss, which brings home once again the importance of an organization like OUR HOUSE. We have an incredible evening planned for you tonight, and we hope you leave our Gala even more inspired to volunteer, to continue supporting us, and with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the important services and programs offered by OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center.

Tonight we are proud to honor our past Board Chair, Irwin Feinberg, with the Founder's Award. Irwin is deeply connected to OUR HOUSE and has been a group leader for 11 years and a Board member and financial supporter for 20 years. In addition, we gratefully honor Amanda Kloots, author of *Live Your Life*, with the H.U.G. award for sharing her grief journey with so many and being an incredible ambassador for normalizing grief.

Susan and I have enjoyed Co-Chairing this Gala, and very much appreciate the team that has helped us every step of the way. Our sincere thanks for the hard work and dedication from our Fund Development Chair, Robin Blau, the experience and expertise of Jory Goldman, and the entire Gala Committee. We are incredibly appreciative of Lynzee's tireless help with every detail, and thank Shannon, Lucia, and the rest of the OUR HOUSE staff for their ongoing support.

A big thank you to our fabulous Emcee Jim Moret (Chief Correspondent for *Inside Edition*), Rabbi Steve Leder (author of *The Beauty of what Remains*, in conversation with Amanda Kloots), and our very special guest, Fredda Wasserman (marriage & family therapist, previous Director of Adult Programs at OUR HOUSE, and facilitator of the conversation between Steve and Amanda). Their participation in tonight's program and their strong commitment to OUR HOUSE is deeply appreciated. As this evening highlights our vision of hope and healing, please know that your kindness and generosity make a difference in the lives of each child and adult on their very personal journey of grief after the death of someone close.

On behalf of our boards, staff, volunteers, and clients, we hope you have a fabulous time tonight! Eat, drink, shop, and a heartfelt thank you for joining us here tonight.

With sincere gratitude,

*Patty Colman &
Susan Kurtzman*



Message from OUR Founder

Dear Friends,

In October of 1993, after 2 years of hard labor, OUR HOUSE was born. We have reached beyond the quarter century mark. Wow! My husband, Dan, was the construction engineer on our first office, and he would be so proud tonight of all that we've accomplished and the many people we've served. We now have multiple locations and many satellites throughout Los Angeles County. We are an integral part of the community.

OUR HOUSE is my home away from home, and an extended part of my family. I am the Founder and will continue to be the dreamer. Thank you one and all for welcoming OUR HOUSE into YOUR house. You are all the CEMENT and MORTAR that is our foundation. We are the little "AGENCY" that could.

XO,

Joey

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jo-Ann".

JO-ANN LAUTMAN



Message from OUR Board Chair

Dear Honored Guests,

It is my privilege to welcome you to the 2021 House of Hope Gala, Luminaries & Light. On behalf of the Board of Directors of OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center, we want to thank you for joining us this evening and for all that you do to support the mission of OUR HOUSE. We are so proud of the work that happens at OUR HOUSE serving griever throughout our community. We believe in the power of group – being with others who share a common grief experience, who care and are available to listen and who provide support on their collective journey toward hope and healing.

This evening we celebrate our accomplishments, but most importantly we congratulate our fellow board member, Irwin Feinberg, on receiving the 2021 Founder's Award, our organization's highest honor. As a longtime adult group leader and two-time Board Chair, Irwin has demonstrated unparalleled compassion, wisdom, and mission-mindedness while wearing all of his "hats" for OUR HOUSE. As Immediate Past Board Chair, I have called upon Irwin numerous times for critical input during my term. Irwin has worked tirelessly during his 20-year Board tenure on behalf of OUR HOUSE, and we are so fortunate to have his dedication, insights and institutional knowledge. We are in a better place today because of Irwin's unfaltering commitment across two decades. This award is so well-deserved!

OUR HOUSE is served by two dedicated groups - the members of the Board of Directors and Volunteer Group Leaders. As the governing body of the organization, the board members are stewards of your donated dollars, overseeing how these precious resources are spent and ensuring the maximum impact of our programs. At the same time, our army of dedicated volunteers co-lead the adult and children's groups. Without them, we would not be able to provide the caliber of grief support that we have been able to deliver for these 28 years.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, we are proud to relay that the agency has seamlessly pivoted to online services and education as the need for grief support has risen exponentially in our community. OUR HOUSE has continued to bring the message of hope and healing to so many in the darkest of days. I want to thank our dedicated staff who make OUR HOUSE run so smoothly day-to-day and who, together with our volunteers, bring a passion and a dedication to the mission that is second to none.

Have a wonderful evening and again, thank you for all you have done and will continue to do.



ROBYN SANTUCCI, ESQ.



About Us



The OUR HOUSE mission is to provide the community with grief support services, education, resources, and hope. Since 1993, OUR HOUSE has helped thousands of grieving children, teens, and adults as they embark upon their journeys to hope and healing.

Sharing Grief. Finding Hope.

For more information, contact us at

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 °In Memorium

Past Honorees

Founder's Award

The Founder's Award honors an individual or group who has contributed significantly both in time and resources to helping OUR HOUSE in its mission to provide our community with grief support services, education, resources, and hope.

1996	Jo-Ann Lautman	2006	Debbie and Mike Zeiden
1997	Glen Kraemer, Esq	2007	Jo-Ann Lautman
1998	Jack Schaeffer	2009	Joyce Brandman
1999	Hilary Cohen	2010	Marci and Greg Foster
2000	June and Paul Ebensteiner	2011	Fredda Wasserman
2001	Rebekah Farber	2013	Glen Kraemer, Esq
2002	Rosemary Bernstein, Hannah Farber, Skylar Lenox and Jaclyn Maler	2014	Sheri Rapaport
2003	Suzanne Lehman	2015	Todd Gilman
2004	Ruth and Dennis Wasser	2018	Jory Goldman & Seth, Jessie Eli, Jonah
2005	Carol and Rand April	2019	Anthony Guagliano

Good Grief Award

The Good Grief Award honors an individual or group who portrays the grief process with honesty and dignity or an individual or group who, through their philanthropic involvement and understanding of grief, makes a significant difference in our community.

1997	Spelling Television's <i>Seventh Heaven</i>	2005	Greg Berlanti for <i>Everwood</i>
1998	Producers and Cast, <i>Party of Five</i>	2006	Paul Michael Glaser
1999	Klasky-Csupo Productions <i>Rugrats</i> Mother's Day Special	2007	Gilena and Gary Simons
2000	Laura Innes, Director and Lydia Woodward, Producer <i>Be Still My Heart – ER</i>	2009	Donna and Barry Goldfarb
2001	Mallory Lewis and Lamb Chop	2010	Jeanne Huybrechts
2002	Dr. Paul S. Nassif and Adrienne Maloof Nassif	2011	Sandy Banks
2003	Tyne Daly <i>Judging Amy</i>	2013	Melissa Rivers
2004	<i>8 Simple Rules</i>	2014	Wells Fargo Foundation, Accepted by Jonathan Weedman, Senior Vice President
		2018	Dan Fogelman & <i>THIS IS US</i>

Past Honorees

H.U.G. Award

The H.U.G. Award honors an individual or group who has contributed to helping the community understand grief.

1996	J. William Worden, PhD	2004	Steven Romick
1998	Sandy Banks	2005	Sharon Rocha
1999	Maria Shriver	2007	Jon Robin Baitz
2000	Rabbi Naomi Levy	2014	<i>One Last Hug: Three Days at Grief Camp</i>
2001	Carol Muske-Dukes	2018	Edie Lutnick & The Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund
2002	Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross		
2003	Pamela Schaff, MD		

Spirit of Hope Volunteer Award

The Spirit of Hope Volunteer Award honors the dedication and compassion of OUR HOUSE's remarkable volunteers.

2006	Jayne Barbera and Rhonda Frances	2011	Andrew Crow, CPA, MFT
2010	Emily Dubin Field	2012	Robyn Santucci, Esq



Founder's Award Recipient

IRWIN B. FEINBERG, ESQ.

The Founder's Award is bestowed by OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center founder, Jo-Ann Lautman. It is our agency's highest award and recognizes an individual who has contributed significant time and resources to help OUR HOUSE further its mission.

Jo-Ann and the Board of Directors could think of no one more deserving of the 2021 honor than Irwin. Irwin was first introduced to OUR HOUSE more than twenty years ago. When at a professional networking luncheon, hearing firsthand about OUR HOUSE, Irwin recounts that he was interested in giving back to the community, and the mission of the organization immediately spoke to him. He joined the Board of Directors, and soon thereafter was recruited to the position of Board Chair, serving for three years at a seminal time in the development of the agency. Irwin has been such a dedicated and pivotal Board member that he recently completed a second term as Chair. Irwin has long been the consultant on all legal matters, and his voice of reason can be counted on to provide good counsel in all matters legal and otherwise.

When asked about working alongside Irwin, one can recite a long list of positive attributes. It is unanimously thought that Irwin is an inspiration to all, his presence instills confidence and comfort, and he does so with gravitas, grace, and humility. Irwin's perspective and insight, coupled with his problem solving and communication skills, contribute to his outstanding leadership ability.

In addition to his service on the Board of Directors, for more than 11 years Irwin has volunteered as a group leader, facilitating grief support groups for parents who have experienced the death of a child, a role that is very important to him. His devotion to community has also led to extensive involvement with Claire's Place Foundation, The Westview School, Kanye ERAS, and the Cure FD Foundation.



H.U.G. Award Recipient

AMANDA KLOOTS

An Ohio native, Amanda brings her infectious and inspirational attitude to everything that she does. A former Broadway dancer and Radio City Rockette, Amanda performed on a variety of stage, film, and tv productions for over seventeen years and now is a co-host on CBS's *The Talk*.

Amanda's love of dance and fitness led her to work and lead classes at one of New York's premiere fitness studios where she taught regularly sold-out classes upwards of 12 hours a day. Amanda developed the jump rope method after years of trying different ways to stay in great shape. She fell in love with the jump rope after discovering it's the quickest, most effective way to get a full body workout, and spent years creating ways to use it for more than just jumping. In 2016, Amanda decided to focus full time on her AK! Fitness brand. Her signature classes feature jump ropes and dance mixed with cross training to create a unique full body workout.



In addition to the AK! Fitness brand, Amanda and her sister Anna launched the apparel company Hooray For® that celebrates positivity and donates proceeds to non-profit organizations worldwide. Amanda's first memoir, co-written with her sister, will be released in June 2021. The title, *Live Your Life*, tells of her ninety-five-day struggle and love story with her husband Nick Cordero.

Kloots currently resides in Los Angeles with her son, Elvis.

Special Guest



STEVE LEDER, AUTHOR OF *THE BEAUTY OF WHAT REMAINS*

Steve Leder is the senior rabbi of Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles. After receiving his degree in writing and graduating cum laude from Northwestern University, and spending time studying at Trinity College, Oxford University, Leder received a master's degree in Hebrew letters in 1986 and rabbinical ordination in 1987 from Hebrew Union College. He is the author of three books: *The Extraordinary Nature of Ordinary Things*, *More Money Than God: Living a Rich Life Without Losing Your Soul*, and the bestseller *More Beautiful Than Before: How Suffering Transforms Us*.

Tonight's Moderator

FREDDA WASSERMAN, MA, MPH, LMFT, CT

Fredda Wasserman has been part of OUR HOUSE since the very beginning. She served as a volunteer group leader for several years before becoming the Clinical Director of Adult Programs – a position she held for nearly 20 years. Fredda has developed and presented grief education programs for literally thousands of medical and mental health professionals, educators, and clergy and was the 2011 recipient of the OUR HOUSE Founder's Award. Recognized as an expert in death, dying, and bereavement, Fredda has devoted her career to life's final chapter. She is the co-author with Norine Dresser of *SAYING GOODBYE TO SOMEONE YOU LOVE: Your Emotional Journey Through End of Life and Grief*. Today Fredda maintains a private psychotherapy practice and serves as a consultant to the OUR HOUSE clinical staff.



Luminaries & Light

Modeled after our Camp Erin Luminary Ceremony, our luminaries represent a loved one who has died and the love and memories that live on forever. In the darkness of grief, we shine our light for a future of continued healing after the death of someone close.

Since 1993, people have turned to OUR HOUSE for support when they experience the death of a parent, child, sibling, partner, spouse, or another significant person in their lives.

As a House of Hope Gala supporter, you will help ensure the accessibility of OUR HOUSE services, so no child, teen, adult, or family ever has to grieve alone.



Volunteer Group Leaders

Adrienne "Adri" B.
Alicia K.
Alison C.
Alison H.K.
Allison D.
Amanda E.
Amanda R.
Amy S.
Analeis A.
Anisa L.
Anne M.
Audrey A.
Barbara A.
Becky R. H.
Beth F.
Beth B.
Brenda H.
Candy R.
Cara D.
Carmela D
Carmen V.
Carolyn H.
Carrie A.
Cathy S.
Cendy M.
Charlotte B.
Charlotte B.
Cheryl Z.
Chrissy Z.
Christopher C.
Chuck W.
Cinthya I.

Coby H.
Constanza W.
Cristina C.
Crystal S.
Daniella R. P.
David M.
David S.
Deandra D.
Debbie D.
Debi B.
Debra K.
Dee Dee T.
Destiny R.
Diane L.
Donna G.
Dorothy P.
Dottie B.
Dylan M.
Eboni M.
Eileen R.
Elena H-S.
Elizabeth J.
Elizabeth H.
Ella S.
Ellen S.
Ellen F.I.
Erin C.
Faith S-E.
Fran L.
Francie D.
Fredda W.
Gayle K.

Geri C.
Gill S.
Ginger E.
Seiko M.
Gregg G.
Heidi B.
Helene F.
Irwin F.
Isaac M.
Jacqueline M.K.
Jacqueline C.
Jamie D.
Jan Z-C.
Jane D.
Janine R.
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Jean K.
Jenna R.
Jennifer J.
Jessica B.
Jill C.
Jill B.
Jill C.
Jim & Diana S.
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Jon S.
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Karen S.
Kathryn H.
Katy C.
Kellie C.
Kelsey C.
Kim G.
Kim S.
Kriseira L.K.
Kristen W.
Laura P.
Laura S.
Lauren S.
Leslie E.
Lillian B.
Lillian L.
Linda R.
Linda K.
Liora P.
Lisa M.
Lisa R.
Lisa M.
Maddy G.
Maggi W.
Malcolm K.
Maria C.
Maricela F.
Marjorie H.
Marlene C.
Marlene W.
Marley S.
Matthew M.

Meghan C.
Melanie J.
Melissa H.
Meredith T.
Meryl R.
Michael A.
Michelle K.
Mirna A.
Nadia S.
Nancy P.
Nancy L.
Nancy T.
Nick V.
Nickola S.
Nina Q.
Nita M.
Noa H.
Olivia D.
Pamela V.
Patrice R.
Patty K.
Paula D.
Penny A.
Ralph R.
Randi G.
Reagan F.
Renay H.
Renee W.
Rhona W.
Rhonda K.
Robert S.

Robin B.
Robin W.
Robin K.W.
Rubi V.
Ruth K.
Samantha M.
Sandi S.
Sandy O.
Sandy J.
Sarah P.
Sea K.
Shari M.
Shelly F.
Sheri R.
Sherry A.
Stacey C.
Stephanie R.
Steven L.
Susan E.
Susan M.
Susan D.
Susan K.
Susanne B.
Talya S.
Tanja E.
Tsafi L.
Vanessa S.
VeAnn C.
Vee A.
Winifred W.
Zach W.

Volunteer Group Leaders

Tonight's Emcee

JIM MORET

Chief Correspondent for Inside Edition

Jim Moret is Chief Correspondent for *Inside Edition*. Based in Los Angeles, Moret covers human interest stories as well as high profile celebrity news stories, from Arnold Schwarzenegger to Charlie Sheen to the Anthony Weiner scandal to the death of Michael Jackson.

A lawyer and gifted commentator, Moret is constantly in demand to provide legal analysis for a variety of news outlets for breaking stories involving celebrities. In addition to his legal commentary, Moret frequently appeared on *Larry King Live* as a guest host.

Moret's inspirational memoir, *The Last Day of My Life*, is his first book and has landed him appearances on *Dr Phil*, *Today*, *Joy Behar* and numerous other television and radio shows.

Moret has an extensive 20-year resume covering entertainment news. He has covered numerous premieres and celebrity stories for *Inside Edition*, as well as all the major entertainment events including the Emmys, Golden Globes and the Academy Awards.

Before joining *Inside Edition*, the veteran journalist was with CNN for nearly a decade, serving as co-anchor of the long-running *Showbiz Today*, as well as co-anchor of CNN's main newscast, *The World Today*, and anchor of CNN's *NewsNight*.

Moret anchored many breaking news stories and live events during his tenure at CNN, including the terrorist bombing of the USS *Cole* and the 2000 Democratic National Convention. He also served as chief anchor for CNN's gavel-to-gavel coverage of the O.J. Simpson criminal trial, and anchor and analyst for Simpson's civil trial.

He and his wife have three children and live in Los Angeles.



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IMPACT REPORT

January 1 - December 31, 2020

“As we transitioned to virtual sessions, the safety transcended the computer and they continued to honor our grief just as if we were at OUR HOUSE in person.”
- SUSAN, MIDLIFE GROUP MEMBER



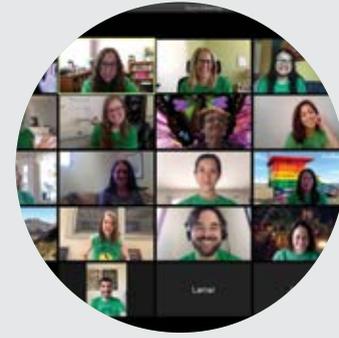
MEETING THE CHALLENGE



WHO WE'RE REACHING



OUR VOLUNTEERS



11,325
Hours of service
222
Number of volunteers

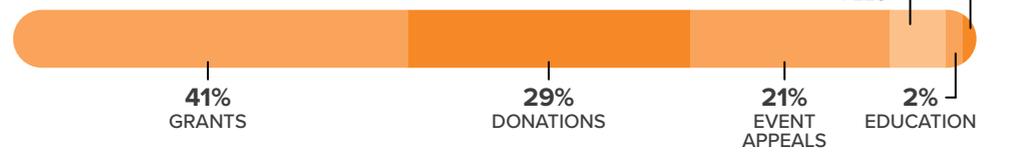
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Fulltime positions
an estimated value of
\$339,184*

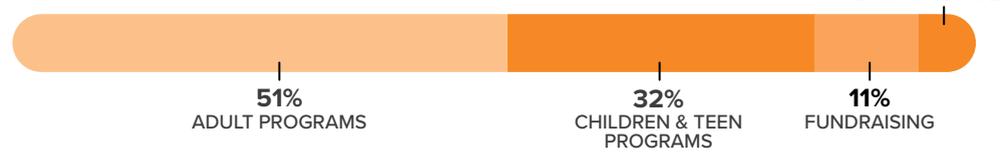


*based on the CA gov't rate of \$29.95/hour

YOUR INVESTMENT INCOME



YOUR INVESTMENT EXPENSES



of every dollar goes to direct program services

2020 Operating Expense Budget: \$2,137,807 • 2020 Donor and Partner Contributions: \$2,250,156

What is This Thing Called Grief

Grief is not a problem to be solved; It is a process to be lived.

At OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center, we believe that grief is a natural reaction after a death. When someone dies, griever may experience overwhelming emotions including sadness, anger, guilt, and perhaps a sense of losing control. OUR HOUSE grief support groups offer a warm, supportive, caring environment where children, teens, and adults can process their feelings and begin to heal together.



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“At OUR HOUSE, I learned that grief is a house of mirrors, a shape shifter, not something that ends and you graduate from, but a process that continues over time. No story is worse than the next – and the power of connection to others in this shared experience was/is an absolute comfort and soul soother. Thank You!”

- ADULT SUPPORT GROUP MEMBER

How You Can Help

Volunteer

- Be a group leader for children, teens, or adults
- Help at one of our events or in one of our offices
- Be a Cabin Buddy at Camp Erin Los Angeles

Participate

- Join us at our annual events
- Be an OUR HOUSE ambassador: tell others about the resources we offer
- Schedule a tour and bring a friend to one of our Grief Support Centers
- Connect with us on social media and stay up to date on our workshops, trainings and events @OurHouseGrief

Donate

- Help OUR HOUSE expand our programs by including us in your annual giving
- Purchase a brick to be added to our memorial wall in honor of a loved one
- Remember us in your estate plan



Volunteering

OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center volunteers make a significant difference in people's lives. They are the heart of our agency, helping grieving children, teens, and adults find hope and healing. Over 450 volunteers donate over 20,000 hours of service annually. None of the positions require prior experience, nor do volunteers need a clinical or professional background in bereavement, counseling, or education.

There are three meaningful ways to volunteer with OUR HOUSE:

- Volunteer Support Group Leader
- Grief Camp Volunteer
- Event and Administrative Volunteer



Volunteer to Co-lead Support Groups

Volunteer to co-lead support groups online or, when it's safe again, in our West Los Angeles, Woodland Hills, Mid-City/Koreatown centers and at various school and community sites in the greater Los Angeles area. We ask for a minimum one-year commitment to co-lead a group every other week in-house, or once per week for short-term groups held in schools or community locations. In addition,

all volunteers attend group supervision conducted by our clinical staff once every other week. The average time commitment, including group meeting time and supervision, is 10-15 hours per month.



"I know that my life has been enriched by being a volunteer with OUR HOUSE. If you're considering leading grief groups, know that the training program is thorough and well organized, and the work is so meaningful."

- VOLUNTEER GROUP LEADER

Child & Adolescent Grief Support Groups



"The thing I liked most about my group was how comfortable I felt there. I actually looked forward to the sessions. I loved all the projects we did, and it helped me feel like I wasn't the only one my age feeling like I did after my mom died."

- TEEN GROUP MEMBER

In-House Groups

The death of a parent can be devastating for children and teens of all ages. At OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center, children ages 4 through 18 who have experienced the death of a parent join groups that are specific to the age of the child. Using grief-related art projects, writing exercises, and play activities, highly trained group leaders support the children as they make their way through their grieving process. Activities are designed specifically to help children hold on to their precious memories, express thoughts and feelings, adapt to the many changes in their lives, and memorialize their parent who died.



School-Based Grief Support Groups



Grieving children and teens spend most of their waking hours at school. Through our landmark School-Based Grief Support Program, we bring our grief support services to local public schools. Elementary, middle, and high school students can participate, free of charge, in an OUR HOUSE grief support group in their own school. The groups provide a safe place for children to share their thoughts and feelings with other children who are also grieving after the death of a family member or close friend. Upon the completion of the ten-week program, faculty and students report better concentration in school and improved social and behavioral functioning.



“Every student is different, but I believe the grief group has given them a chance to talk about something that they may not have anyone else to talk to about. It’s also given skills to students they can rely on later in life. I have seen kids who are hesitant about talking, but by the end, they are comfortable sharing and some even develop into leaders.”

- FROM A SCHOOL COLLABORATOR

Adult Grief Support Groups



“I’m so grateful for OUR HOUSE. Going through the grief process is like being on another planet. OUR HOUSE connected me to others who were also searching for words to feelings that were beyond description. The facilitators of our group provided a space in which we could experience loss without apology. I’ve never identified with total strangers before in the way that I did at OUR HOUSE. Together, we found our way back to earth.”

- ADULT GROUP MEMBER

Loneliness, anger, yearning, and shock can make day to day tasks feel overwhelming. Grievers may experience a sense of disbelief and ask themselves, “How did this happen to me? How can this be real? How can I go on?”

Being with others who are experiencing similar feelings provides comfort and support, allowing grievers to move along their path towards hope and healing. An intimate atmosphere helps to create a sense of community and support where feelings and memories can be expressed. The groups allow for nonjudgmental sharing, learning, and healing.

OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center groups are specific to the age of the griever, length of time since the death, and relationship to the person who died. Each group consists of eight to twelve members.



In-House Groups

For those grieving a:

- Partner or Spouse
- Child
- Parent or Sibling
- Close Friend or Relative

Spanish Satellite Support

OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center offers groups in Spanish (Programa satélite en español) at our three locations and throughout the community for adults who have experienced the death of someone close.

Después de la muerte de alguien cercano, el mundo de la persona en duelo se altera. Olas de emociones incluyendo tristeza, soledad, enojo, anhelo y shock pueden hacer que las tareas cotidianas se sientan demasiado difíciles. Las personas en duelo podrían experimentar un sentido de incredulidad y preguntarse a sí mismos, “¿Cómo me pudo pasar esto? ¿Cómo puede ser real esto? ¿Cómo puedo seguir adelante?”

El estar con otras personas que están experimentando sentimientos similares provee consuelo y apoyo, permitiéndoles a las personas en duelo avanzar en el camino hacia la esperanza. Una atmósfera íntima ayuda a crear un sentido de comunidad y apoyo en donde los sentimientos y los recuerdos pueden ser expresados.

Los grupos de apoyo al duelo en español de OUR HOUSE son para adultos que han experimentado la muerte de un ser querido cercano. Los grupos son ofrecidos en nuestros tres centros y en diferentes lugares en la comunidad. Los grupos permiten compartir, aprender, procesar el duelo sin ser juzgado y usualmente están formados de seis a ocho miembros.



Medical & Professional Education

OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center offers comprehensive grief training for therapists, clergy, school personnel, and medical and hospice professionals. Through lectures, case discussions, small group activities, and role-plays, these trainings enhance participants' ability to counsel grieving clients in both private practice and agency settings. Education programs are offered at our centers or on-site in schools, businesses, and organizations.

Medical Education

OUR HOUSE trains physicians and nurses at hospitals, hospices, and cancer centers on how to talk with patients who are dying and families who are grieving. We provide participants with a unique interactive opportunity to learn from our grief experts and OUR HOUSE alumni, to take the step from being a good to a great doctor or nurse in the eyes of their patients. Since 1998, our medical education program has been part of the curriculum for students at the USC Keck and UCLA David Geffen Schools of Medicine and the UCLA School of Nursing.



Mental Health Professionals

Our clinical staff provides educational programs for organizations. Presentations are tailored to meet the specific needs of organizations and the communities they serve. These interactive presentations range from an hour and a half to a full day, depending upon their requirements. OUR HOUSE goes on-site or hosts at our locations.



“The training encompassed all aspects of grieving as it relates to being a medical professional. I appreciated learning how to better use language to address death. The presentation was very eye-opening and changed my perception about grief and people’s experiences.”

- UCLA MEDICAL STUDENT

Continuing Education

Continuing Education Unit Workshops

OUR HOUSE provides continuing education units for Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Nursing Home Administrators, and Registered Nurses.

Throughout the year, OUR HOUSE clinical staff teach two-day and three-day intensive workshops. The workshops provide in-depth education, including intervention strategies and hands-on practice for professionals who wish to become grief literate for children and adults.

Clergy

OUR HOUSE trains clergy, chaplains, and pastoral counselors at hospitals, hospices, congregations, and seminaries on how to talk with patients who are dying and families who are grieving. We provide clergy and seminary students a unique interactive opportunity to learn from our grief experts and OUR HOUSE alumni.



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“The two presenters are masters and made the training informative, accessible, welcoming, humorous and poignant. I learned so much, and feel more confident about working with clients experiencing grief.”

- CEU PARTICIPANT

On-Site Grief Response

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“I am in awe that a service like this exists. You helped our company get back on its feet after an incredibly difficult time and allowed us to move forward together after this tragedy.”

- SMALL BUSINESS OWNER

A death in the workplace or school setting can profoundly affect an organization’s staff and community. Daily reminders of the person who died may trigger a myriad of thoughts and emotions. It may become difficult for coworkers or classmates to concentrate, and performance and attendance may drop. A forum will be needed for the expression of shared grief.

OUR HOUSE is available to provide on-site grief support to help people cope. Our clinical staff will design a response that suits the particular setting. Providing compassion and education to grieving employees or students allows the community to begin to heal. We offer the following services on-site or at one of our locations:

- On-site grief support in the early days following a death
- Grief education specific to the workplace or school
- Follow-up grief support groups
- Close Friend or Relative





Because no child should grieve alone

Camp Erin Los Angeles is a weekend-long camp providing children ages 6 through 17 with an opportunity to express their grief while enjoying fun outdoor activities. At Camp Erin, children and teens connect with others who are also grieving the death of someone close, learn coping skills to use after camp ends, and honor their special person in memorial activities.

In the last 12 years we have served hundreds of children and teens through this program with the help of more than 50 volunteers each session. We even held a virtual camp during Safer at Home recommendations from local government.



“Camp Erin is legit the best! Everyone is so kind and you will instantly make friends, so don’t worry! This camp is just what you will need, trust me! The food is FREAKING AWESOME! Just remember, don’t be afraid to talk to people about your feelings. Nobody will judge. Everyone here will support you! Just keep smiling, and when you’re not, remember you are not alone!”

- 14-YEAR-OLD CAMP PARTICIPANT





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To OUR Board Chair & Vice-Chair,

Robyn & Anthony

Your guidance, commitment and dedication drive the agency to grow, thrive, and continue to provide important services to our community.

Thank you,

The Board of Directors & Staff of
OUR HOUSE



Robyn Santucci (left) at the 2017 Night for Hope



Founder's Award Recipient Anthony Guagliano at 2019 House of Hope Gala

Thank You

To the Chair of OUR "Fun-d" Development Committee



ROBIN BLAU

Thank you, Robin, for always being an inspiration and making things happen! We wouldn't be here tonight if it weren't for you. THANK YOU!

We appreciate you!

The Board of Directors

Thank You

Patty & Susan,



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on a successful event!

WHAT A TEAM!

You brought us all back together (in-person)!!

This year would never have happened without your dynamic leadership and tireless efforts!

You stepped up to the plate and knocked it out of the park!

With admiration and gratitude,

The Board of Directors

Thank You

Thank you to the House of Hope Gala Committee for your
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To OUR Wonderful Honorees

Congratulations to our beloved

Irwin B. Feinberg

on receiving the Founder's Award

&

Amanda Kloots

for supporting those on their journey
to hope and healing.

We are honored to recognize the incredible work you both have done
on behalf of grief support services in our community.

With Admiration and Appreciation,

The Board of Directors

Thank You

Jo-Ann,

You are always there for us. You give of your heart, you give of your home, you give of your time and treasure.

Without you, there would be no us.

We are proud to walk beside you in serving our community.

Love,

The OUR HOUSE Boards & Staff



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Irwin,

Congratulations on the honor of receiving the founders award. Mark and I are so happy to share this special night with you.

I am so very appreciative of your wisdom, wit and warmth and know that I am not the only one on the Board who relies on you for your knowledge and wealth of experience to navigate challenging times.

With gratitude,

Ellen Simmons

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To our valued staff and volunteers,

The last several years have been extremely challenging and your dedication to the mission, hard work, and perseverance continuously make us admire and respect you every single day.

With gratitude,

Mark and Ellen Simmons

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Congratulations to Irwin on receiving the Founder's Award. He truly is the wingman of OUR HOUSE and we are all grateful to him.

Love,

Sheri and Marc Rapaport

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Behind every great man is the best woman.

THANK YOU DEB!

XOXO,

Jo-Ann

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A well-deserved honor for such an
honorable man!

Congratulations, Irwin!

Donna & Barry Goldfarb

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Congratulations, Irwin,
on this well-deserved honor.
Your dedication to OUR HOUSE is truly inspiring.

Anthony and Francesca Guagliano

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Jory, Seth, Jessie, Eli and Jonah,

Our hearts are touched by your dedicated commitment to the important work of OUR HOUSE. Your energy, smiles and love give hope to so many.

With gratitude and friendship,

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Irwin,

Congratulations on receiving the Founder's Award,
and thank you for your 20+ years of service and dedication
to OUR HOUSE. Thank you to the staff, board and volunteers
who make OH's programs happen!

Todd Gilman

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Congratulations Irwin! Such a well
deserved honor for someone who has
done so much for OUR HOUSE!

With gratitude,

Mike & Nancy Eisenstadt

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To Patty Colman,

Your commitment and passion are shining examples
for all of us.

We are so proud of you for putting your heart into the
role as Co-Chair of this incredible Gala.

We admire you and your dedication to OUR HOUSE.

We love you,

Jon, Brandon and Arianna

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Susan,

You inspire us everyday!

We congratulate you on your leadership and
dedication to OUR HOUSE!

With Love,

*Rick, Michael & Berni, Corey & Allie,
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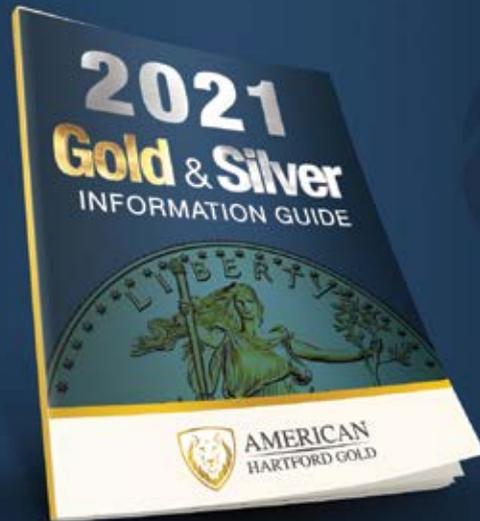
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Happy 28th Anniversary to OUR HOUSE!

Congratulations to
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Irwin Feinberg...

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Thank you for all you have given to OUR HOUSE.

We are so lucky to have you!

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With profound gratitude to OUR HOUSE for all it has done for our family and community.

With love to our Founder and Fearless Leader Jo-Ann Lautman, without whom none of this would be possible.

And a special thanks to Irwin Feinberg, for being the best Board member, dedicated group leader, and a dear friend to all of us.

*The Goldman Family
Jory, Seth, Jessie, Eli, and Jonah*

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Miss you forever, my sweet Peter.

Laurie

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The world is a better place with Stacey Cohan in it.
Thanks for all you do!

Love,

The Wise Family

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Thank you Irwin!

For every meeting, every decision,
everything you have done for OUR HOUSE
(and for finally agreeing to be
honored tonight!).

To a most superb and spectacular,
honorable and kind individual.

With much love, adoration
and admiration,

Carol & Rand April

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*We will never forget 21 years ago when OUR HOUSE
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Love,

ALLEN KOHL AND ANITA MANN KOHL

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Irwin, you are a rock! Two decades of service is something for which all of us can be thankful. It has been an honor working by your side for a relatively short period of time. Your calm yet spirited leadership is inspirational. Congratulations on an evening just for you and OUR HOUSE.

Mark Baumohl

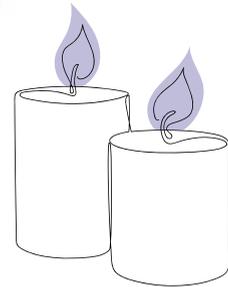
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In honor of our dear friend,
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strength, courage and
compassion has illuminated
the path for so many. We
are so inspired by you and
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With love,

Lesley and Jeff



In honor of our dear
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Given in honor of the
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*Julie and
Marc Platt*

Irwin,
Thank you for your
commitment to OUR HOUSE.

*Joannie &
Andy Besser*

Irwin,

Thank you for your leadership

Rabbi Leder, thank you for your wisdom

Amanda, thank you for your inspiration

May we all help each other through grief,

Lorin Michaelis



Irwin,

Congratulations on your well-deserved honor. OUR HOUSE work is so incredibly important and your leadership from its inception is a huge part of its success in serving so many people.

You are an incredible friend and mentor to so many, and one of the most generous people I have ever met.

You give of your time, your brain, and your heart, and always with joy and vigor and always unconditionally.

We are blessed to call you our friend.

With so much love, respect and appreciation.

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Stacey and
Marty Cohan

CONGRATULATIONS and
THANK YOU to...

Irwin Feinberg for receiving the well-deserved Founder's Award and for your constant leadership, generosity and dedication to OUR HOUSE.

Amanda Kloots for receiving the H.U.G. Award and for normalizing grief and sharing your journey with such grace. You are an inspiration to us all!

Jim Moret, Steve Leder, and Fredda Wasserman for making our event so meaningful, entertaining and special.

Our Gala Co-Chairs, Patty Colman & Susan Kurtzman for their dedication to OUR HOUSE and helping to make tonight a beautiful and memorable event!

Lynzee Halvorson – a special thank you for never saying no, answering my calls 24/7, and for making tonight's event perfect!

The entire OUR HOUSE staff who continuously provides our community with unmatched grief support expertise and services.

With Love & Appreciation,

Robin & Mark Blau

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Susan,

Your dedication to
OUR HOUSE is beyond
words. Congratulations on
tonight's achievements!!!

We love you,

Shari & Jerry

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Dear Patty:

Hey little sister, we are so proud of you for being the Co-Chair of this year's OUR HOUSE Gala. Wish we could be with you!
We love you.

Brad and
Rhonda Wayne

OUR HOUSE

We salute you for the excellent work that you do on behalf of our students and our community.

Pamela Schaff,
MD, PhD

Director, HEAL Program
(Humanities, Ethics, Art and Law)
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At Camp Erin children make homemade Luminaries to honor their special person who has died.

Congratulations, Irwin,

on a much-deserved Founder's Award. You're the best.

Susan, Patty, Robin & the entire Gala Committee... kudos
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Steve, thank you so much for being here tonight.
Thank you for your wonderful books full of wisdom and love.

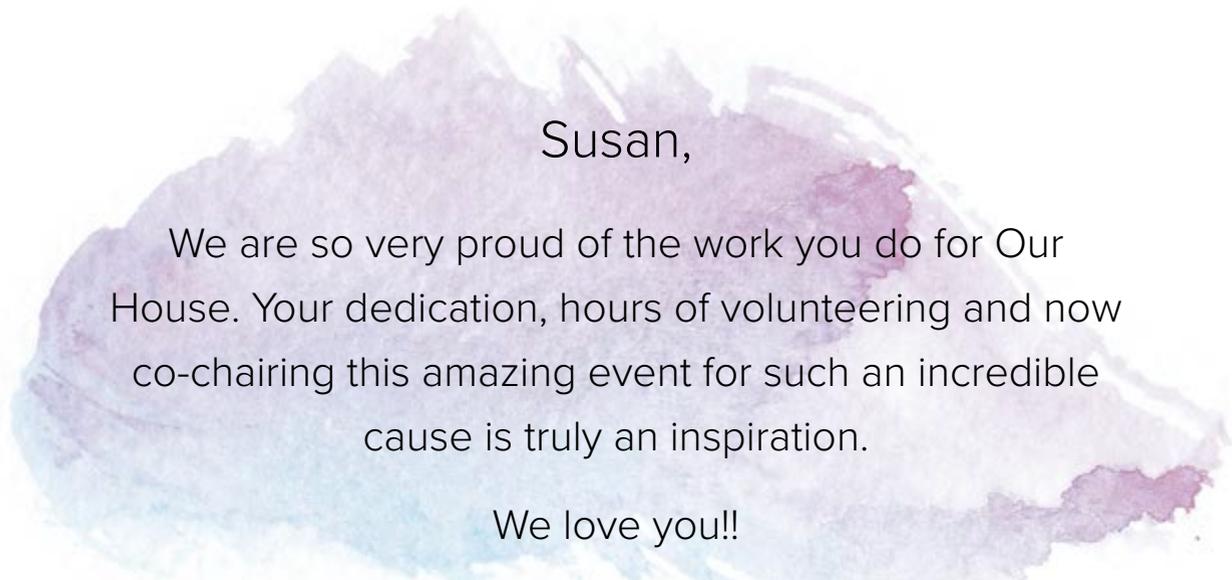
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Marci & Greg

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illuminated the path for so many. We are so
inspired by you and blessed by your friendship.

With love,

Lesley and Jeff



Susan,

We are so very proud of the work you do for Our House. Your dedication, hours of volunteering and now co-chairing this amazing event for such an incredible cause is truly an inspiration.

We love you!!

*Keri and Jimmy
Susan and Robert
Linda and Robbie*



**M&B
XOXO
DBB&D**

Susan,

We are so proud of all the work you do
for OUR HOUSE.

It is an incredible cause and you are
helping so many families.

Mark Levan

Congratulations, Irwin

You are truly the rock of OUR HOUSE. Your
consistent leadership is a guiding light for many
and your years of dedication has made all the
difference for the organization. We wish we could
be there to celebrate your accomplishments and
honor you in person! Much love to you on this
special night! With sincere appreciation.

Tiffany & Mark Cannis

Dear Irwin,

With our admiration and appreciation.

*Fredda and Bruce
Wasserman*

Keep up the great work, Irwin.

Thank you!

Bill Bonbrest

Congratulations Susan on tonight's event and all the important work you do with OUR HOUSE.

We love you so much!

*Bob & Eileen
Stringer*

Irwin,
Ever since our days together at Marquez Elementary, I knew you would become successful and generous. Congratulations on this well deserved honor.

*Barry
Williams*



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PARTNERS

We are proud to support our dear friend Nancy Eisenstadt and all the incredible Board members working together to continually strengthen OUR HOUSE.

Tracy & F. Ron Smith

Irwin,

We can't think of anyone we know who has given as much of themselves in the service of others as you. Your generosity is an inspiration. You have truly earned this moment of recognition.

With Love and Admiration,

Laurie and Rick Shuman

Congratulations on being honored, Irwin. I know it's the work, and not being honored that's important to you. I hope it's a wonderful night.

Skip

With immense admiration for the work of OUR HOUSE and love and respect for our many friends who are involved in carrying it out!

*Paulette and
Ron Nessim*

To ALL of those who have lovingly touched our lives and continue to influence us! You are ALWAYS in our hearts and NEVER forgotten!

With love,

*Betsy and
Scott*

CONGRATULATIONS ROBIN BLAU
& JO-ANN LAUTMAN!!

We are so proud of you and for your amazing accomplishments!!

Lots of Love,

The Platt Family

*Lisa, Dan, Samantha
& Sara*



Thank you to Ellen Simmons for all her efforts on behalf of OUR HOUSE.

With love and admiration,

Linda and Neal Vitale

Laurie,
Your hard work and dedication to the OUR HOUSE mission is truly inspiring.

Keep up the wonderful and impactful work you are doing!!

Warmly,

*Barbara Tenenbaum
& Eric Hassan*



Marci and Rudy Valner are proud to support OUR HOUSE, whose light shines as a beacon of hope for those in need.

*Marci and
Rudy Valner*

With much appreciation to the board,
staff, volunteers, and all of you for
supporting OUR HOUSE.

Thank you all for welcoming
OUR HOUSE into YOUR house.
You are the CEMENT and MORTAR
that is our foundation. We are the little
“AGENCY” that could.

In Memory of Dr. Robert Taub,
my husband Dan and my grandson Ben.

XOXO with love, Joey

Jo-Ann