Jessica joined OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center in November 2009 as its Director of Development. During her nine years at OUR HOUSE, she created the first standalone Run for Hope in 2010, growing it from 350 participants to over 1700 in 2018 and raising $2,308,049 during her tenure!

Jessica and the team made sure that even as the event grew in size, it remained true to its roots as a place where grievers, their supporters and the community can participate and honor the lives of those who have died. It is the only event of OUR HOUSE that is open to the public and demonstrates the power of group support in grief.

Though each event was unique, the 2012 Run for Hope stands out for Jessica as it’s the year she met her now husband, Joshua Gilman, whom she was introduced to by OUR HOUSE Board Member, Todd Gilman, and the rest as they say, is history!

We are thrilled to honor Jessica at the 2020 Walk ‘n’ Run for Hope, which was her baby until Finley, her first child, arrived in August 2019.