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Hello!

We are excited to celebrate OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center's 30th anniversary at the **House of Hope Gala on October 28, 2023!**

For 30 years, OUR HOUSE has provided a safe and accessible space for thousands of children, teens, and adults who are grieving the death of someone close. When grief is unsupported, it can lead to physical, emotional, and social risks, including physical illness, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and disengagement from school or work. These negative outcomes were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which interrupted mourning rituals and isolated griever from traditional networks of support. OUR HOUSE provides free or low-cost grief support for everyone who needs kindness, support, and hope during one of the most stressful periods in their life.

We hope that you will support our mission by **donating an item or experience** to our auction. Your donation will help us raise the funds we need to grow our services and meet the increasing demand for grief support in Los Angeles County.

Every dollar raised will be allocated to OUR HOUSE's grief support programs for children, teens, and adults, in English and Spanish, as well as grief camp experiences, medical and professional education, and short-term grief support at businesses and schools. Through this generous donation of an auction item or experience, you will shine a special light in the darkness of grief and help grieving hearts find hope and healing.

Please review the enclosed information and in-kind donation form and return it via mail OR complete your submission online at: <https://form.jotform.com/232256584525157> by **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**.

If you have any questions, please contact Tanner Cipriano at (310) 473 1511 or [tanner@ourhouse-grief.org](mailto:tanner@ourhouse-grief.org)

On behalf of the children, teens, and adults who are experiencing grief and receiving support **because of you**, thank you very much for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Diana Snyder Ritter

Auction Chair

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