



**RYAN'S PLACE**  
A Center for Grieving Children, Teens & Families

# 2016

## Ryan's Place Annual Report

Ryan's Place continues to grow and flourish. In 2016 the number of children and adults that we serve in our grief support programs reached an all-time high; almost 800 individuals. We increased our services in schools and served more families than ever at the Goshen program. We began a new program at St. Michaels & All Angels Episcopal Church in South Bend, and broadened our services to meet a growing need in Kosciusko County. The increase in the number of people served was made possible through the very generous donations of Individuals, Foundations, and Corporations both locally and nationally.

With a staff of three full-time employees it would be impossible to reach all of the families and provide the services that we do without help. In 2016 we received an astounding number of volunteer service hours – 5650. The commitment of our volunteers allows us to say yes to requests for grief support programs and to ensure that we live up to our mission. In whatever way you contributed to the growth of our services, be it financial, or volunteer time please know that we are grateful for your support.

Aileac Deegan, MSW, LSW  
President/CEO

### our mission

To provide support in a safe environment where grieving children, teens and their families can share their experience as they move through the healing process.

### our vision

We believe that no child or family should grieve the death of a loved one alone.

## 2016 by the Numbers

791 Clients

607 Children served

184 Adults served

64 Volunteers

5,650 Volunteer hours of service

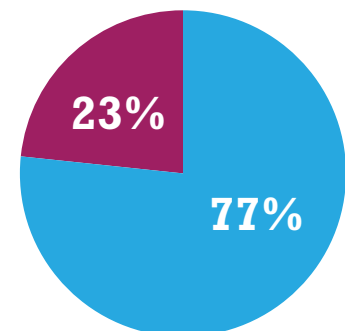
20 Interns

39 Schools provided with school-based grief support groups

9 Individuals received grief support

17 Educational presentations and events

## Clients

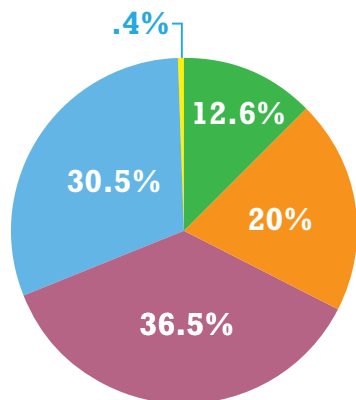


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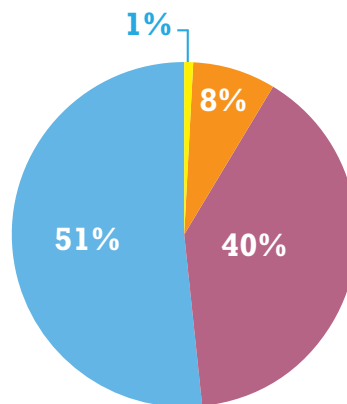
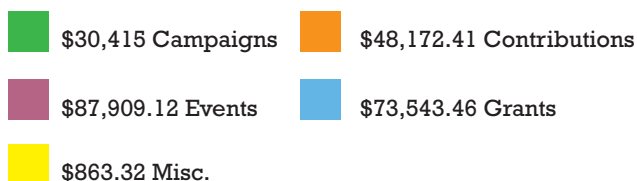
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## Accomplishments

- Ryan's Place provided free grief support services to 791 clients, serving 607 children and 184 adults.
- We provided crisis support to 221 individuals in the immediate aftermath of a sudden death, either in the home, school or business.
- Our 20 undergraduate and graduate interns representing Goshen College, Grace College, Indiana University of South Bend, Indiana University, University of Notre Dame and St. Mary's College helped to provide 39 school-based grief support groups in 36 different schools in Michiana.



Revenue Total: \$240,922.31



Expense Total: \$240,657



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