



# Annual Report 2022

Between grief and hope there is Ryan's Place

1,487 clients served



1,076 children

411 adults



95 VOLUNTEERS



7,500 VOLUNTEER HOURS OF SERVICE

55 school based grief support programs in 12 different school corporations



15 student interns



Our mission is 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.

514 individuals served in crisis response call-outs to area schools and businesses.



100% of families were gifted with holiday presents.

*Vision:*

We believe that no child or family should grieve alone.



1,867 Facebook followers

## Elkhart County

School Groups  
36



Students Served  
245

## Kosciusko County

School Groups  
13



Students Served  
68

## St. Joseph County

School Groups  
5



Students Served  
36

## Marshall County

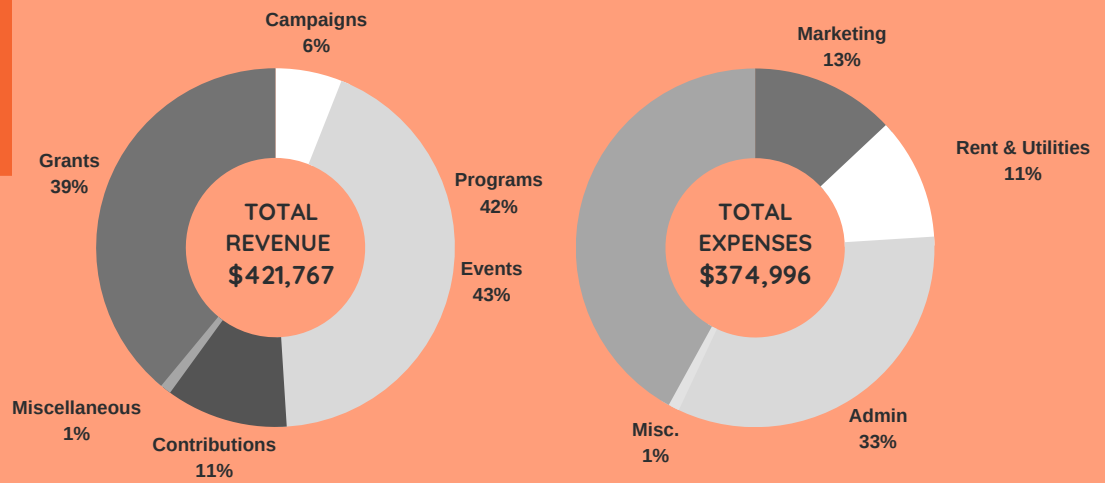
School Groups  
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Students Served  
9



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Dear friends at Ryan's Place,

I hope this report finds you well. In looking back at 2022, it is with great pleasure that I present to you an overview of our annual report, detailing the incredible achievements and the profound impact we have made together in supporting children through their grief. Thanks to the generosity of our community and the unwavering support from individuals like you, we raised a total of \$421,767. These funds have been crucial in ensuring the continuity of our programs and expanding our reach to even more children and families in need. Turning our attention to expenses; as usual we have strived to optimize our resources, ensuring that every dollar spent contributes to the emotional healing, and well-being of the children we serve.

Speaking of our grief programs, we have witnessed extraordinary growth and impact this past year. Our team of dedicated professionals and volunteers worked tirelessly to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children to express their grief, find solace, and learn essential coping skills. Through our individual counseling sessions, group support programs, school programs, and crisis response, we were able to serve a total of 1487 participants, which almost doubled the number served in 2021. The positive feedback we received from families and caregivers affirms the immeasurable value of our programs in guiding children through their unique grief journeys.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our community. Your donations, time, and dedication have been the cornerstone of our success. To all our incredible donors, volunteers, and partners, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. Your belief in our mission has allowed us to make a profound difference in the lives of countless children, giving them hope, understanding, and the tools to navigate their grief. All without any cost to our participants.

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with immense pride and gratitude for all that we have achieved together. However, we also recognize that there is still much work to be done. With your continued support, we can expand our outreach, enhance our programs, and ensure that no child faces their grief alone. Thank you again for your steadfast support. Together, we are changing lives and providing healing to children when they need it most. We look forward to another year of growth, impact, and collective compassion.

With deep appreciation,

Aileac Deegan, MSW LSW  
President/CEO  
Ryan's Place

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