## Annual Report 2023

Between grief and hope there is Ryan's Place

1,349 clients served

953 children

396 adults





8,240 VOLUNTEER HOURS OF SERVICE

48 school based grief support programs in 10 different school corporations



10 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.

260 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.



2,303 Facebook followers

### **Elkhart County**

School Groups 35



Students Served 256

## Kosciusko County

School Groups 8



Students Served 61

### St. Joseph County

School Groups 2



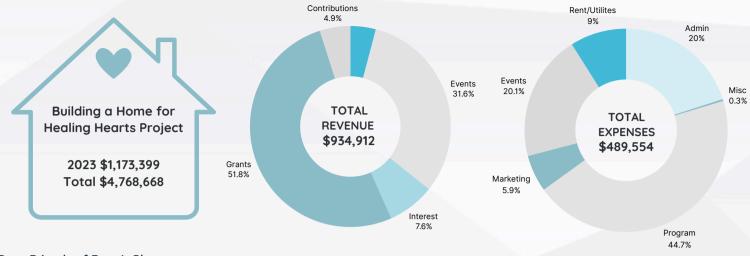
Students Served







# **Financial Information**



Dear Friends of Ryan's Place,

As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, we are thrilled to share the impact we've made together in 2023. Through your unwavering support, Ryan's Place has reached new heights in serving our community. In 2023, we had the privilege of assisting 1,349 children and adults in working through their grief in our grief support programs. This remarkable number reflects the dedication of our team and the resilience of the families we serve. Moreover, 2023 marked a milestone year for Ryan's Place, as we experienced record-breaking income to support our programs. This financial success has enabled us to expand our services, reaching even more grieving families in need. None of this would have been possible without the steadfast support of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and donors.

At Ryan's Place, we firmly believe that grief support should be accessible to all, regardless of financial circumstances. It is because of the generosity of our community that we are able to uphold this principle. We are incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by such a caring and compassionate community. To everyone who has contributed to our success, whether through time, resources, or advocacy, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your support has been instrumental in helping us fulfill our mission and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those navigating grief after the death of a loved on.

As we look ahead to the future, we are inspired by the possibilities that lie ahead. As many of you will know, for the past several years Ryan's Place has been conducting a capital campaign to build a new purpose-built children's grief support center south of Goshen. We plan to break ground this September on what we will call Ryan's Place – A Home for Healing Hearts. With your continued support, we are confident that we can continue to provide essential grief support services to those in need. Thank you for being an integral part of Ryan's Place and for helping us create a brighter tomorrow for the children in our community.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Aileac Deegan President/CEO Ryan's Place

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