

What's in a name?

The name "*Elijah's Place*" is taken from a portion of the biblical story about the Prophet Elijah's experience when he hid in a cave, finding himself alone and afraid. The word of the Lord came to him, not in the strong wind, the earthquake, or the fire; but rather in a "tiny whispering sound" and he was told to go back out and live. It is our desire that *Elijah's Place* will assist grieving children and their families to understand and learn to live with their grief, to hear the "tiny whispering sound" and go out and live with a spirit of courage and confidence.

Volunteers

Elijah's Place depends greatly on volunteers to join staff in facilitating the program's grief support work. Intensive volunteer training to familiarize volunteers with the grieving process of children and childhood development is necessary to serve as a facilitator. Those interested in volunteering may call (409) 924-4433 for more information.

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What is Elijah's Place?

Elijah's Place is a program to provide ongoing grief support services to children, ages 5 to 18, who have either experienced the death of a parent or sibling. Elements of the program address the support needs of their families as well. Children grieve differently from adults; for that reason, it is important to allow them to communicate their feelings with other children who can understand.

Elijah's Place provides a setting for age specific group support sessions for the children (ages 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, and 14-18) and a support session for caregivers. Caregivers and children will come to *Elijah's Place* two evenings each month. Participation in the program can last 12 to 18 months, or until the family decides they no longer require the service.

All support sessions are led by trained staff or volunteer facilitators who are supervised by a licensed professional counselor.

*providing help.
creating hope.*

How do I begin?

A family may make a self-referral to *Elijah's Place* at any time they feel they are ready to begin the support group process. The family should call *Elijah's Place* to schedule an intake interview. The family will be asked to complete an intake form prior to the interview. *Elijah's Place* recognizes that all families, and each individual family member, grieve differently and therefore must be involved in the decision of when to start the support groups.

The intake interview is conducted in a face-to-face meeting and consists of reviewing the intake form with the family and speaking with the family members who will participate in *Elijah's Place* groups. After a family completes the intake process, a commitment to regular attendance is expected. Regular attendance is necessary to build peer support in the groups, thus providing a trusting environment for grief work. The family will be placed in the appropriate support group night when there is an opening.

Donations

The initial funding for the program came from an anonymous donation through Our Lady of Victory Church in Sour Lake. Through grant funding, contributions and your prayers and support, we will be able to sustain the program.

There is no fee for the service; however, we do invite families to consider making a tax-deductible pledge/donation that is affordable for them.

General donations can be mailed to:

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If you know of a child who is grieving the death of a sibling or parent, please let their family know about *Elijah's Place*. Families can call (409)924-4433 to inquire about the intake process.