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A PLACE FOR ERIN'S HOUSE YOUNG ADULTS

Capital Campaign



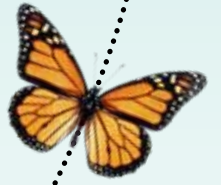
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Heal Hearts. Build Hope. Grow Together.

Vision:

The Wing will be a free-standing, 4,500 sq. ft. structure behind the existing Erin's House property that will increase capacity to serve more teens and young adults, enhance their program experience, and improve participant retention.

TOGETHER WE CAN ENSURE THAT
NO TEEN OR YOUNG ADULT GRIEVES ALONE.

1 THE Need

Young adults are an **underserved population** who need grief support.

2 THE Plan

Increase program space by **29%** and expand services to provide more guidance.

3 THE Impact

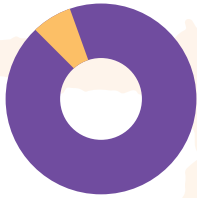
\$2.5 million to fund this important initiative. Grief support provided to young adults at no cost.



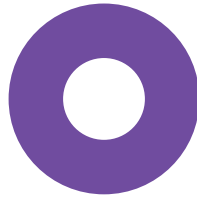
Erin's House Impact

The goal of Erin's House is to improve an adolescent's ability to manage grief. Our 2023 Outcome Evaluation Report showed that after coming to Erin's House:

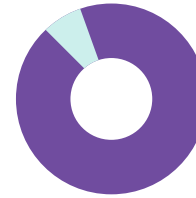
ABILITY TO MANAGE GRIEF



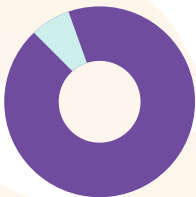
95%
OF PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFIED
**POSITIVE COPING
SKILLS**



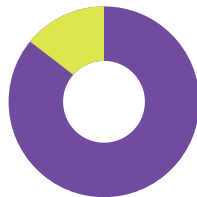
100%
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SUPPORT SYSTEMS



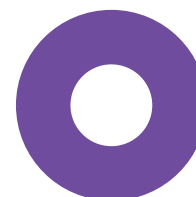
95%
OF PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFIED
**FEELINGS ASSOCIATED
WITH GRIEF**



95%
OF PARTICIPANTS DEMONSTRATED
**AN INCREASE IN
FAMILY COMMUNICATION**



86%
OF PARTICIPANTS EXPERIENCED
**A DECREASE
IN ISOLATION**

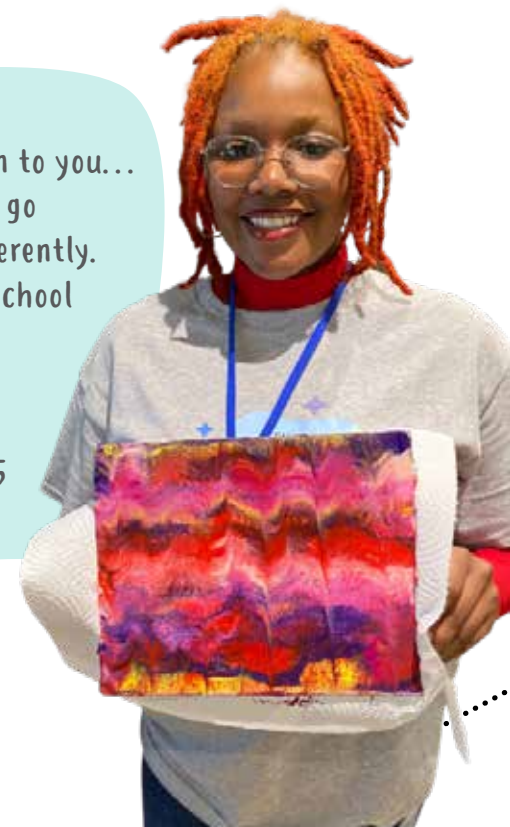


100%
OF PARTICIPANTS SHARED
**MEMORIES AND STORIES
ABOUT THE PERSON WHO DIED**



"In The Wing I'd love a glitter room where there's shelves of glitter and glitter paint on the walls! I want to do so many crafts and projects with glitter." – Piper, 17

"Losing a close person to you... you're different. You go through things differently. I'm the only kid at school who doesn't have a mom or a dad, so it's like we can't really connect." – Mayah, 15



2023 Indiana Kids Count® Data

INDIANA YOUTH INSTITUTE



27.7%
OF INDIANA STUDENTS
SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED
ATTEMPTING SUICIDE



IN 2020
A SUICIDE BY A CHILD OR YOUNG ADULT
OCCURRED IN
39 of 92
COUNTIES IN INDIANA *(Indiana Department of Health)*



46.9%
OF STUDENTS
FELT SAD OR HOPELESS ALMOST
EVERY DAY FOR ≥2 WEEKS



IN THE HOOSIER POPULATION,
SUICIDE WAS THE 2ND LEADING
CAUSE OF DEATH FOR TEENS AGED
15-17

2025* | 197

2024* | 173

2023* | 150

2022 | 130

2021 | 115

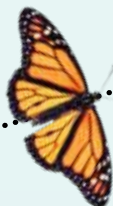
2020 | 105

2019 | 95

2018 | 65

Number of teens and young adults served

Number of teens and young adults aged 13-18 served at Erin's House each year.
**Includes an estimated 15% future growth rate inclusive of ages 19-25.*





1

The Need

Potential and Possibility

Erin's House has identified young adults as an underserved population that also needs grief support services more than ever.

According to the Children Bereavement Estimation Model, in Northeast Indiana,

34,000 youth (or 1 in 13) will experience the death of a parent or sibling by age 25.

These bereaved youth are at an increased risk for future behavioral health, academic, and relational problems, as well as mental health issues, substance abuse, suicide, and earlier mortality. The mental health crisis in our country, especially in our community, cannot be ignored.

2

The Plan

Nurturing and Development

The Wing will increase the overall age range offered at Erin's House from 3-18-year-olds to 3-25-year-olds. In addition to increasing physical space to serve more individuals by 29%, it will be a safe place to specifically focus on serving teens and young adults who are grieving. This new addition will be a **4,500 sq. ft.**, stand-alone building located within walking distance of the current building. It will be that safe place—that common bond area—for young adults to focus on their unique grief in a space with others just like them.

3


The Impact

Challenges and Transformation

Through the ongoing support of general operating donations, these expanded services will be provided at **no cost to all participants**. Teens will have more confidence in talking about, not only their grief, but their emotions, mental health, and feelings. The lasting impact of The Wing will be a better family culture, more emotional maturity, increased personal growth, resilience, and self-empowerment.



WHY IS IT CALLED THE WING?



Erin's House and The Wing provide support and empowerment to navigate the challenges of grief together through peer support, finding **hope in unity**.



Will you invest in a brighter future with The Wing?

We remain steadfast in our commitment to healing hearts, building hope, and supporting young adults to grow together so they can lead fulfilling lives after a death.

The need from our community is more than ever as we kick off this capital campaign.

“I’m hoping for ping pong tables! It’s easy and fun to play with others... you can have a lot of fun with ping pong.”
– Ethan, 16



Interior
Cost:
\$300,000

Building and
Site Preparation:
\$2,100,000

Program Enhancement
for Teens and Young
Adults: \$50,000

Landscaping: \$50,000

Total Campaign Goal: \$2,500,000

**In 2019, the Board of Directors used designated funds to purchase the land for The Wing. The total cost was \$100,000.*

Will you help us expand our services, empower this underserved age group, and invest in a brighter future with The Wing?

Please visit ErinsHouse.org/the-wing to pledge your donation and see current updates on the project!

Building Committee



"This project is so important for the mental health of young adults in our community."

"Empowering young adults through this project is a steppingstone towards a stronger, healthier community."

"Creating a strong peer-support structure lays the foundation for emotionally resilient and empathetic adults."

"For our young adults and teens in northeast Indiana, they will feel safe and trusted in this confidential place knowing they are understood by someone who shares their journey."



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