



Kate's Club Update

Prepared for A Hand Up Atlanta

The mission of Kate's Club is to empower children and teens facing life after the death of a parent or sibling.

On behalf of Kate's Club, we are grateful for A Hand Up Atlanta's 2010-2011 support. Thanks to the generosity of friends like you, we have been able to provide high-quality grief support programs to record numbers of children and teens in metropolitan Atlanta in 2011.

With A Hand Up's support, we piloted KC Connects in 2010 as an outreach and advocacy effort aimed at expanding Kate's Club's reach beyond our Clubhouse walls. In 2011, we continued the school-based programming and successfully conducted 8-week KC Connects cycles at Dunbar Elementary School and Peachtree Elementary School. Collaborating with teachers and administrators, Kate's Club offered therapeutic support to grieving children in their classrooms. We are excited to announce that we will expand our Gwinnett County-based programs in 2012. With funding from the National Alliance for Grieving Children's Grief Reach Grant, we will conduct grief support programs for upper elementary school students in an effort to create compassionate, peer-based support for grieving children. We are excited for this new initiative, and we look forward to its far-reaching impact.

We are also excited to let you know about the success of the first annual Grief



Awareness Day on March 1, 2011. We partnered with Leadership Atlanta and Trees Atlanta to create a meaningful experience for Kate's Club families and the greater community to recognize and support those who are grieving. This day was formally recognized by both the State of Georgia and the City of Atlanta. We have an enthusiastic committee working on plans for the second annual Grief Awareness Day to be held in March.



Although our programming continues to expand and our membership

continues to rise, we remain committed to our belief that no one, especially a child, should grieve alone. Kate's Club receives an average of 3-4 new family applications each week, and we have seen a 33% increase in attendance over 2010 figures.



A Kate's Club parent recently said, "Kate's Club has enabled my daughter to openly share her feelings, no matter what they are, and she is not judged nor told to feel a certain way. It has been a wonderful experience for both of us." As we expand our reach to serve more of Atlanta's grieving children, we are grateful for the partnership of A Hand Up Atlanta.