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Fernside

A publication for grieving children and their families

Giving Together...It's a Family Affair

Not one, not two, not three...but all FOUR members of the Quinn family have volunteered at Fernside! Whether serving pizza, going to camp or facilitating support groups at each of our locations, we celebrate the Quinn's commitment to Fernside. Thanks for making time to make a difference!

My husband Chuck died on February 22, 1997. At the time of his death Stephanie was 17, Annie was 13 and TJ was 10. Fernside gave all of us hope. We immediately felt a lifting of spirit – there were others who were experiencing the same emotions. We were not alone. And we found that we could smile again, and then laugh again, be happy again. Thank you. A testimony to Fernside is that my children and I have returned as volunteers. What greater way to return the hope and kindness that was given to us? For me, it is my way of giving back. – Jane Quinn

Following my Dad's sudden death, I didn't attend Fernside. At 17, I felt a little too "old" and found healing in extracurricular activities and strong friendships. However, it didn't go unnoticed how much Fernside was helping my family. It was such a relief knowing they were finding comfort. After I graduated college, I was finally ready for Fernside. Not as a child actively grieving her father, but as a volunteer. To this day I truly hope and pray that I helped others the way my family was supported. – Stephanie (Quinn) Gerke

I was fortunate to attend Fernside after my father died. During that year, the warm and engaging environment helped me come to terms with his sudden death. It was at Fernside where I realized that I was not alone. As an adult, I was compelled to give back to this organization which had helped prepare me for a life without my father. I will always have a special fondness in my heart for Fernside as a place where hope is reborn. – Anne (Quinn) Donahue

My father passed away suddenly due to a heart attack. My mother started taking us to Fernside. At first I was shy, then reluctant, then I realized...I was not alone. Not only did I love the pizza but I loved being around people who were just like me. In college, I decided that I wanted to give back. There is no better gift than returning a gift. Fernside has given me more than I could ever be grateful for. Fernside helped me become the person I am today. – TJ Quinn



L-R: TJ, Anne, Jane & Stephanie, 2010

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National Volunteer Week 2012

Exceptional People,
Extraordinary Hearts

April 15-21 is a week we celebrate our volunteers and the unique gifts each of them bring to Fernside. All gifts of time and talent, small and large, make a difference in the lives of the grieving children and families we serve. Thanks for all you do!

The Quinn Family in action!



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Supporting Children and Families Through Grief
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Program News



We are offering some new and exciting opportunities for grieving children and adults. Contact us for more information or to register.

These offerings are free and open to the public.

Listen, Learn...Live Speaker Series

Part I - Parenting Grieving Children through Tough Times

Saturday, April 28, 2012

10:00-11:30 AM

Speaker: Dave Brewer, MA, LPC, CFLE, Director of Learning, Beech Acres Parent Center

Panel: Fernside Alumni



Part II - Every Days, Special Days & Holidays

Saturday, November 10, 2012

10:00-11:30 AM

Speaker: Ken Czillinger, M. Div., Bereavement Specialist

Discussion led by Fernside Staff

Support Groups Available

Blue Ash:

2nd & 4th Monday Parent Loss/
Significant Adult Loss Groups

2nd & 4th Tuesday Parent Loss/
Significant Adult Loss Groups

1st & 3rd Tuesday Sibling Loss/
Cousin/Friend Loss Groups

West Chester/Liberty Township/Hamilton:

2nd & 4th Monday Parent Loss/
Significant Adult Loss Groups

Anderson Township:

2nd & 4th Tuesday Parent Loss/
Significant Adult Loss Groups

Bridgetown:

2nd & 4th Wednesday Parent
Loss/Significant Adult Loss
Groups

Downtown:

1st & 3rd Wednesday Parent Loss/
Significant Adult Loss Groups

Families interested in joining our support groups must attend an orientation, held in Blue Ash on the 1st Monday of every month. Please call the office for registration information.

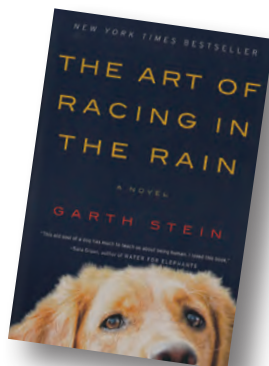
Bringing Books to Life Book Groups

Youth Book Group (ages 10 - 14)

Thursday, July 19, 2012

6:00-8:00 PM

Book Selection: *The Last Invisible Boy* by Evan Kuhlman



Adult Book Group

Thursday, August 2, 2012

6:00-8:00 PM

Book Selection: *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein

Surviving Grief...There's an App For That!

Join us for the first ever, overnight retreat for grieving adults!

Saturday, October 20 -

Sunday, October 21

Location: Camp Joy in
Clarksville, OH



Volunteer News

It's Time for Spring Training!

We welcomed one of our largest volunteer classes ever last month when 18 new facilitators joined the ranks. Welcome to: Joey Bacon, Sarah Burg, Susan Conrad, Chelsi Creech, Steve D'Amico, Ingrid Daoud, Tammy Eiland, Emily Harlowe, Mary Ann Jackson, Amanda Lautenschlager, Amanda Lucas, Tony Martino, Terri Meyer, Sharon Natarus, Elaine Noble, Kim Richards, Sarah Scofield & Beth VanDusen.



Pictured here are five of the trainees who also came to Fernside when they were children!

Recognizing Volunteer Years of Service

5 Years of Service

Paula Baumann
Joan Fopma-Loy
Lauren Haar
Bruce Harris
Amanda Kay
George McGonigle
Phyllis Overmann
Julie Payne
Michele Pelnick
Kim Stonecipher
Tim Wells
Patti Wise
Kim Yohman

10 Years of Service

Cam Baker
Linda Hill
Amanda Lucas
Natalie Lucas
Stacey Meyer
Jackie Turner

15 Years of Service

Jen Johnson

20 Years of Service

Lucy Tallas

Fernside's Camp Erin-Cincinnati Summer Camp

Superheroes, Discovering the Power Within
One-Time Experience for Grieving Children
ages 7-12

June 29th – July 1st

Call us for more information about registration or to sponsor a camper!



Summer Camp 2008



Development News

Last Call "Fore" Fernside

It's not too late to sponsor, volunteer or attend the 2012 Hospice of Cincinnati & Fernside Summertime Classic. Contact Molly O'Connor at 865-1621 or molly_oconnor@trihealth.com for more information.

Pre-Event Parties "Tee-Off" The Classic

Kate Halonen and Fernside facilitator, Sean Kelly, are "driving" efforts for the Bethesda Foundation's Young Professional (YP) Group to host a happy hour fundraiser for this year's Classic. Join us at the Next Chapter in Mt. Adams on Thursday, April 26 beginning at 5:30 PM. Your \$20 donation includes two free drinks and free appetizers. For more details, check out our Event Page on Facebook! Thanks Next Chapter and everyone supporting this great event!

Dilly Café "Drives" Gift-Gathering

Chuck Warriner, owner of the Dilly Café in Mariemont, won the Wheelbarrow of Cheer at the 2011 Classic and he's returning the favor by hosting a gift-gathering party on Thursday, May 10, to benefit this year's silent auction. Attendees who bring a gift or make a \$20 donation will receive happy hour pricing starting at 5:00 PM for the entire evening and a chance to win the Wheelbarrow of Cheer this year!



With a little planning now, you can help ensure the future of Fernside. For more information on planned gifts, please contact Gary Algje at 513-865-1622 or gary_algje@trihealth.com.



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*Save the Date! Modern Makers Art Benefit
for Fernside*

Fernside is working with Uptown Consortium's Modern Makers on their May event. Modern Makers is a multi-disciplinary studio, located at 2606 Short Vine, that seeks community engagement through art. Expressive artwork created by children at their Fernside support group meetings will be on display. This event will also feature Cincinnati's best known artists whose work will be auctioned off to benefit Fernside. This unique event is free and open to the public. Join us!

Modern Makers presents
Fernside Art!

Wednesday, May 9, 2012
6:00-8:30pm
2606 Short Vine in Corryville



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MAKERS
2606 SHORT VINE

