

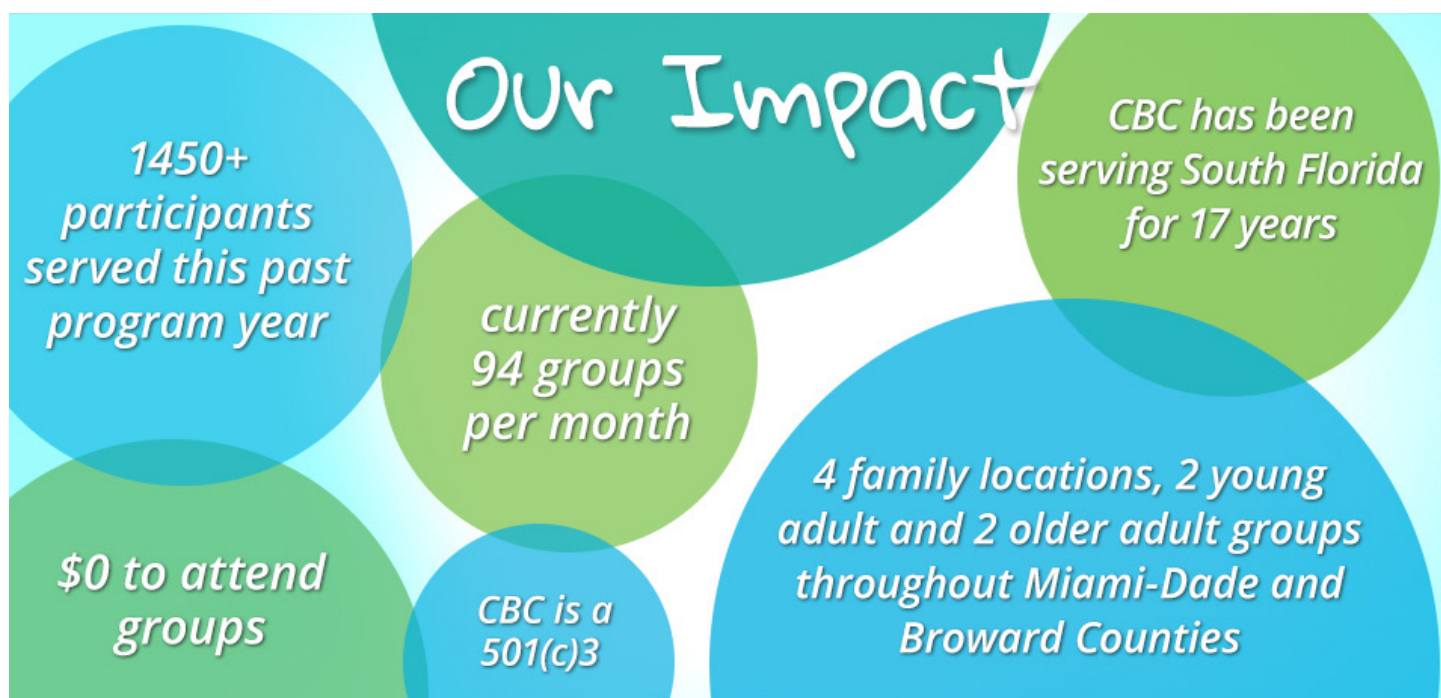


2015 - 2016 Annual Report



Children's Bereavement Center's Mission:

The Children's Bereavement Center mission is to help children, young adults, and their families adjust to life after the loss of a loved one within a supportive community of their peers, and to promote healthful grief, healing and growth.



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This past August, I stepped down from my role as CEO of the Children's Bereavement Center, making way for new leadership and an opportunity for me to contribute to the organization in a more defined role, one of Senior Clinical and Program Advisor, offering clinical and programming guidance, including oversight of projects on behalf of the CBC.

We are fortunate to welcome Claude Grubair as our new CEO. He brings 20+ years of demonstrated success in management in independent school education. He has broad experience in marketing, budget and finance, strategic planning, fundraising, and human resources. Claude has been a long-time advocate of the CBC, regularly engaging students in volunteerism with charitable organizations throughout the community. He is both an effective leader and a tremendous resource to the CBC. I look forward to assisting him as he leads the organization and continues to expand our reach.

It is hard to believe that it has been more than seventeen years since the CBC was created with my friend and co-founder, Dr. Carol Berns. In those first few years, people came from great distances to find support, causing us to realize that the need went beyond our immediate community. As a result, the CBC has grown exponentially, from an original group of eight children from five families, to 94 monthly groups with 1450 participants this year!

Our successful development is due in large part to the remarkable partnerships that the CBC has been privileged to form with like-minded individuals, businesses, organizations, and funders such as VITAS Healthcare, the New York Life Foundation and the National Alliance of Grieving Children, our school partners and funding partners including The Batchelor Foundation, Florida Blue Foundation, Health Foundation of South Florida, the Miller Family Foundation, Trip Advisor Foundation, and Azamara Cruises and Royal Caribbean International among the many who support the CBC.

In addition to our remarkable Board of Directors and Staff, and Volunteers in our groups and committee, I am ultimately grateful for the opportunity to continue to work with the people of the community to provide a pathway to ease their adjustment after losing someone they love. For children, there may be no greater roadblock than the loss of a parent, sibling, grandparent or anyone who has played a major role in the child's life. Yet, time and again, at the CBC, we observe the dramatic impact that results from the camaraderie of other children, caring teen and adult facilitators, and the opportunity to metabolize profound loss at one's own pace and time.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work together with Claude and our CBC Team. I look forward to my new role, and to making a meaningful contribution in the next chapter in CBC's development. And thank you, for your continued support.

With warm regards,

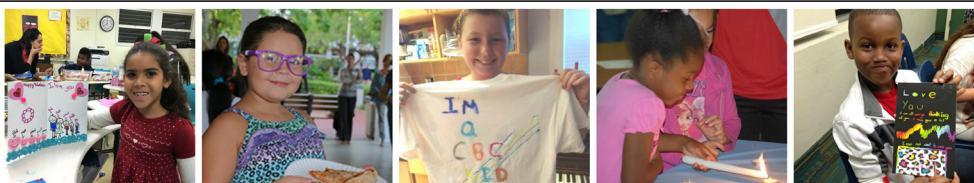
Mindy Cassel, PhD.

About CBC's Partner, VITAS Healthcare

In collaboration with the CBC, VITAS is able to extend its mission to bring specialized assistance to grieving children, young adults, and their families. VITAS is the nation's leading hospice provider. Since the company was founded in Florida, VITAS has been working to ensure that terminally ill patients and their families receive compassionate and effective end-of life care. In addition to clinical end-of-life care for patients, the VITAS team provides a wide range of assistance to families, including bereavement support following a loss. VITAS chaplains and social workers are experienced bereavement specialists and provide information, education, and resources to help those who are going through a period of bereavement. Dedicated VITAS staff and volunteers also undergo special training to assist during CBC Peer Support Group sessions.

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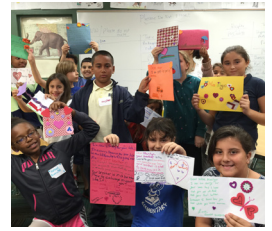
PROGRAM REPORT

*Partner with VITAS Healthcare



Ransom Everglades School

263 Children and teens
215 Adults
478 Total Participants
32 Facilitators



Miami Country Day School*

171 Children & Teens
151 Adults
322 Total Participants
20 Facilitators



Nova Southeastern University's
Mailman Segal Center for Human
Development*

137 Children & Teens
209 Adults
346 Total Participants
18 Facilitators



Miami Christian School*

61 Children & Teens
61 Adults
122 Total Participants
17 Facilitators



94 Groups
Per Month



Program Enhancements
Art & Music Therapy



1000+ Pizzas
Served Per Year



8 Candle Lightings
Per Year



\$0
to attend group



Lift From Loss

Support for Adults after Loss
www.liftfromloss.org



St. Bede Episcopal Chapel
at University of Miami

53

Temple Beth Sholom

41

Temple Judea

72

YEAR IN HIGHLIGHTS

Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen recognized the Children's Bereavement Center on the House Floor in Washington D.C. in February 2016.



March 2016
Dharma Studio Hosts
Community Yoga
Classes benefitting the CBC



March 2016



CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT CENTER RECEIVES A \$10,000 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT FROM NEW YORK LIFE! Peter Busse, New York Life Agent and CBC Board Member was Instrumental in this effort. We thank you for your dedication and advocacy on behalf of the CBC. This grant will assist the CBC in providing seminars to healthcare and education professionals to learn best practices in supporting families experiencing loss.



New York Life
Foundation



Ronald McDonald House Charities awarded us a \$10,000 grant to support our bereavement groups!



Rockin' on the Green 2016

The Children's Bereavement Center (CBC), Presenting Sponsors New York Life Foundation and Nancy Hector along with Spotlight Sponsor VITAS Healthcare, hosted the annual Rockin' on the Green event, Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Ransom Everglades Middle School. The evening was a night of casual chic dinner, dancing and shopping, all while supporting children and families grieving the loss of a loved one. The event raised \$211,768 to support the CBC's FREE grief peer support groups in Miami-Dade and Broward counties.



Comic Cure's fundraising event-Florida's Funniest Female with headliner Kira Soltanovich showcased more than 10 female comedians from across the state of Florida competing for the coveted title! The event benefited the Children's Bereavement Center and the Women's Fund of Miami Dade.



PROUD MEMBER OF THE

National Alliance for
Grieving Children

(L photo) - CBC Clinical Director, Peter Willig and CEO, Mindy Cassel presenting to colleagues at the National Alliance for Grieving Children (NAGC) Symposium in Indianapolis in June 2016. (R photo) CBC and Vitas Healthcare staff at the symposium.

June 2016
Good Burger, Good Cause at
Shake Shack South Miami to
benefit the CBC



July 2016

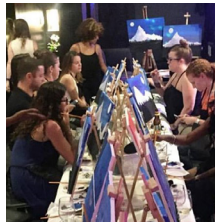
Program Director,
Kathy Kramer was
chosen as one of
South Florida
Luxury Guide
Women of Style
and Substance!

August 2016
CBC Night at
Marlins Park



June 2016

Drinkhouse Fire
& Ice
Painting & Wine
Night to benefit
the CBC



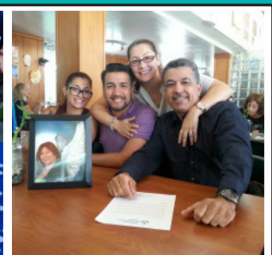
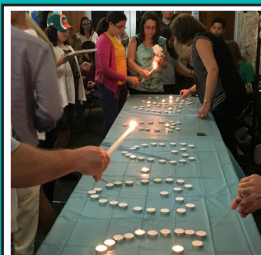
**VOLUNTEER
TRAINING**

Every August the CBC holds its one time yearly new facilitator training for all program locations throughout Miami Dade and Broward.

This two-part training prepares volunteers to work in our free bereavement peer support groups.

2016 End of Year Candle Lighting Ceremonies

The ceremony is a ritual we hold dearly, as rituals allow us to link our present with our past and our future. They connect us as a community in our shared sense of loss and moreover, in our shared sense of support and hope.





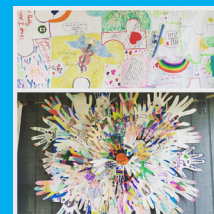
July 2016: New CEO, Claude Grubair, joins the CBC Team!

Claude Grubair is a senior administrator with demonstrated success in management roles within the independent school education industry. He has broad experience in marketing, budget and finance, strategic planning, fundraising, and human resources. He has a track record of achieving results through detailed process management, innovative thinking and the ability to motivate and build enthusiastic and productive teams.



DORAL GROUP MOVES TO BELEN JESUIT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

In partnership with VITAS® Healthcare, the free CBC Doral Peer Support Groups now meet weekly at Belen. We are most grateful to Belen Jesuit Preparatory School for partnering with the CBC and hosting children and adults groups on their beautiful campus.



Our very creative CBC kids' from the Doral group worked on these beautiful projects in memory of their loved ones.



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NITROGEN ICE CREAM
October 2016

The Miami Foundation GiveMiami 2016 day

On Thursday, November 17, 2016 the Children's Bereavement Center supporters joined forces and helped beat last year's record of \$9,524. Together we raised a record breaking \$43,918 on Give Miami Day 2016! This total was made possible with the 79 generous and outstanding gifts collected within the 24 hour period.



Misha's Cupcakes Brings Sweet Hope on Children's Grief Awareness Day 11/17/16 with proceeds from vanilla minis benefiting the CBC!



Over 1,000 runners and their families came out to Zoo Miami on Saturday, November 19, 2016 to support the CBC's annual Steps for Healing 5K and Kids Fun Run fundraising event. We raised \$96,500 to support the CBC's FREE grief peer support groups in Miami-Dade and Broward counties.



EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Category	Number Completed	Contacts
Trainings	40	1,458
Inservices/Loss Response	51	3,551
Newsletter/Publicity/Email/Mailers/Blog Post/Google AdWords	32	Varied (Google 16K, Summer Mailer (1.5K), Expos 12K), Monthly email/newsletter, Media – Radio/TV)
Fundraisers/Events	25	3,015
Development/Replication Meetings	78	523
TOTAL =		8,507 +

Seminar| After the Loss: Supporting Children and Families Following a Death

We have developed this half day (3 hour) seminar designed specifically for medical professionals. It addresses many of the issues faced by physicians, nurses, social workers, palliative care teams, and others who are engaged in patient/family care when there's been a death. We also hope to address some of the realities of self-care, and compassion fatigue, that Medical staff experience when they have a patient death, or loss of their own.

Our goal in creating this seminar is to engage community partners and provide educational content that enriches their staff while also ensuring that our patient and community families are well served in the face of loss.

Seminar Funding: \$43,000



Seminars Presented at:



March 2016 | Peter Willig, CBC Clinical Director, presenting at the New York Life Quartley Agent Meeting



July 2016 - After the Loss Seminar to Baptist Hospital Professionals

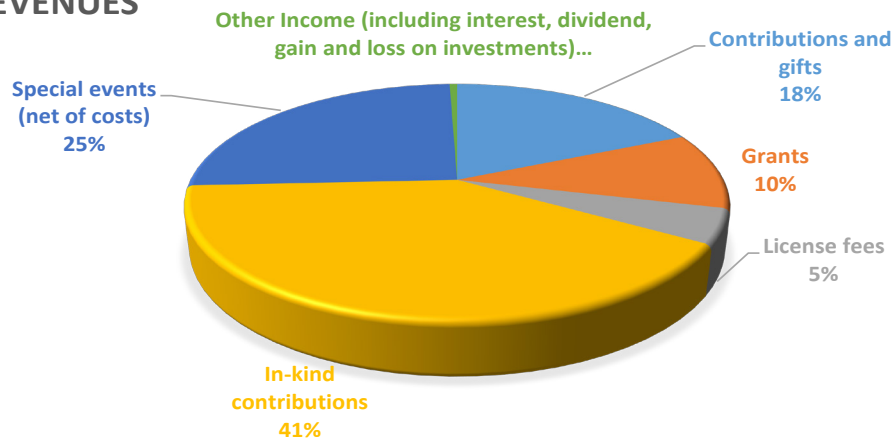


October 2016 | Miami-Dade Police Department- Youth Outreach Program officers. Loss in children and families as an issue in the community they serve.

FINANCIALS

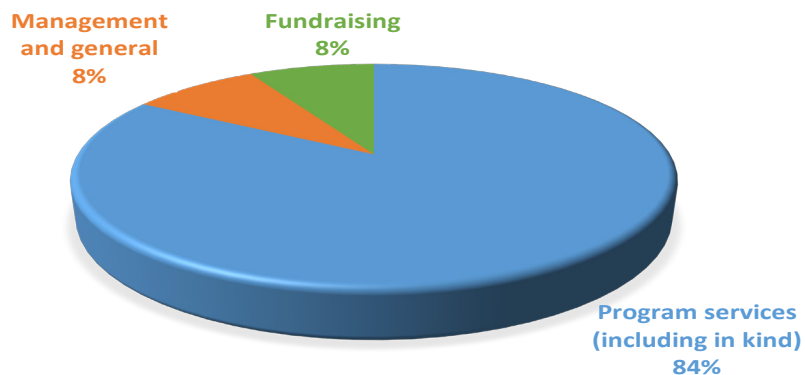
Revenues	
Contributions and gifts	\$ 232,203.00
Grants	\$ 133,187.00
License fees	\$ 60,000.00
In-kind contributions	\$ 514,700.00
Special events (net of costs)	\$ 319,546.00
Other Income (including interest, dividend, gain and loss on investments)	\$ 6,833.00
Interest and dividend income	
Unrealized loss on investments	
Total revenues	\$ 1,266,469.00

REVENUES



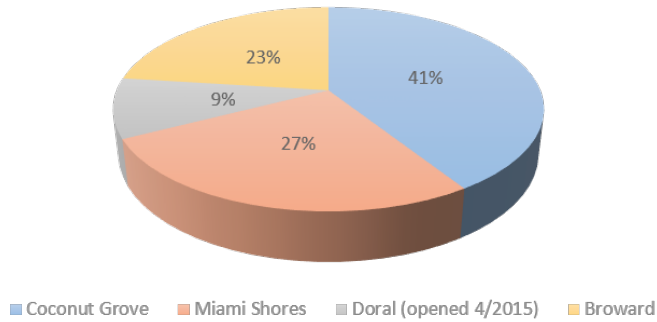
Functional Expenses	
Program services (including in kind)	\$ 950,587.00
Management and general	\$ 94,563.00
Fundraising	\$ 92,261.00
Total functional expenses	\$ 1,137,411.00

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

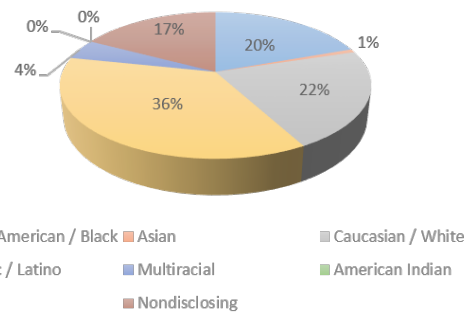


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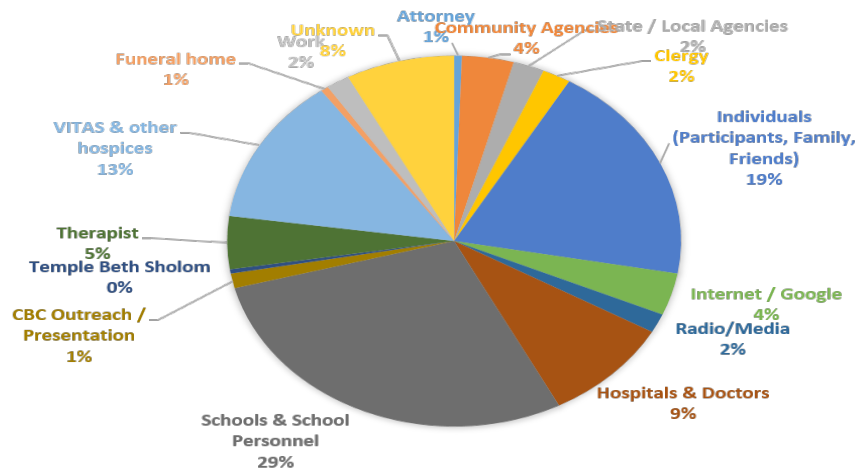
Participants Active During Year



Ethnicity



SOURCE OF REFERRAL



As we have since the program's inception, CBC is engaged in ongoing program evaluation through qualitative participant research, feedback and volunteer post-group sessions. This information guides the changes to continually improve CBC programs, professional seminars and facilitator trainings. In addition, the process of self-reporting enables participants to reflect on the evolution of their grief while attending the CBC.

Through a collaboration with the Mailman-Segal Center at Nova Southeastern in, under the direction of Nurit Sheinberg, Ed.D., Director of Research and Evaluation, the CBC developed a new methodology for the evaluation process which was instituted for this program year, (2016-2017), to reduce the response burden of our participants, and improve data collection and reporting. A post-secondary analysis of the data will be completed by the Nova team following the 2016-2017 CBC program year.

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CBC LOOKING AHEAD

COMMUNITY IMPACT INITIATIVE

In the new year the CBC will bring a new program that will expand our work into the Miami-Dade inner-city neighborhoods as they grapple with the impact of a tremendous rise in homicides, especially child murder.

Changing the **Impact of Loss in the Inner-City -- A Community Approach** will create a collaboration with Miami's inner-city families and community leaders to fill a void in services, help families understand the impact of loss on the cycle of violence and encourage the development of skills that can heal and strengthen the social fabric of the community.

PALM BEACH EXPANSION

To fill a significant void in bereavement services for children and families in Palm Beach County (PBC), the CBC will begin offering our highly successful grief peer support services there in September 2017. This opportunity to expand our programming has been made possible through both the CBC's continued collaboration with VITAS Healthcare—which contributes a bereavement team, volunteers, and supplies for the groups—and the CBC's professional staff—which provides training and oversight.

The CBC obtained the initial funding for the initiative through a generous grant from Florida Blue. A PBC community school partner will host the CBC groups for children and adult participants. This site, the CBC's fifth to be dedicated to the support of grieving children and families, will offer groups for children from early elementary school through high school, as well as for the adults in their lives (parents, caregivers, and extended family).

LOOKING AHEAD TO PARTNERSHIPS WITH

CARE Elementary School
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Overtown Youth Center

Join Us at Steps



Saturday, November 18, 2017
at Zoo Miami
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