

# Grieving Children

AT SEASONS CENTRE

## Lift Kid's Spirit Ski Day

February 18th, 2008 - Heights of Horseshoe  
\$25 Lift Tickets all proceeds donated to the centre  
call 705-835-2790 Ext 1250 or email:  
[theheights@theheightsofhorseshoe.com](mailto:theheights@theheightsofhorseshoe.com) for details



Healing Hearts one Skier at a Time

### VISION STATEMENT

Grieving Children at Season Centre is founded on the belief that every child deserves an opportunity to grieve in a supportive and understanding environment.

[www.grievingchildren.com](http://www.grievingchildren.com)



## *Lift Kids Spirits*

Lift Kids Spirits on Monday February 18th

by bringing your family and friends out to enjoy a fun filled day on the slopes at The Heights of Horseshoe Ski & Country Club.

For only \$25.00 per person you could be supporting Grieving Children at The Season's Centre while having the opportunity of skiing or snowboarding at a facility not normally open to the public.

The Heights of Horseshoe offers 27 private runs accessible by 4 chairlifts.

If you are looking for some pointers or require a bit of a refresher, one of our CASI or CSIA qualified instructors would be happy to assist you in a lesson.

Feel like a bite to eat or perhaps a beverage? Enjoy either by the fire place in our licensed chalet.



For more information on this event or Grieving Children at The Season's Centre visit [www.grievingchildren.com](http://www.grievingchildren.com) or call (705)833-5578 Extension 1393



# GRIEVING CHILDREN

AT SEASONS CENTRE

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We first opened our doors in 1995 when a young family felt the tragic death of their daughters in a fatal car accident ripple through the young lives of their friends. The community saw a need for a centre to support children grieving due to the death of a loved one or friend and responded with open arms. The out pouring of love and support saw the birth of Grieving Children at Seasons Centre.

In 2004 this same community support allowed us to purchase a cozy century home in downtown Barrie to offer a warm place for children to come, We are a one of a kind centre in Ontario and we are proudly marking our 12<sup>th</sup>, year of full time operations as a non-profit organization.

Modeled after the Dougy Centre of Portland Oregon, our peer to peer play based support program method focuses on children who are grieving due to death of a friend or family member or who struggle with the ongoing critical illness of a friend or family member. Our free services ensure no child will be turned away in their time of greatest need.

We offer 11 free support programs for kids 4-18, free summer camps for kids 6-12 years of age, books on grief, referral services, 5 activity rooms for kids and a homey living room meeting place for our group sessions. We are building a unique Memorial Garden, book collection, Teen Loft, expanded Greifbusters Camp and a new website for our clients use to support their healing hearts.

Grieving Children at Seasons Centre operates programs with 50 highly trained Volunteer Facilitators under the guidance of our professional Program Director. This group of volunteers works on a 2 to 1 ratio with the children in our care. To date we have served over 1500 individuals in our care and this year alone over 80 children each week are being supported by our programs. We are publicly funded from your generous donations. We strive to operate using 80% or more of our funds for programs to help our grieving children and minimize administration costs using volunteers, in kind services and donations to meet our growing client demands.

We currently operate or work with local supports to offer over 40 events each year to raise funds for our centre. For as little as \$4 per day you can sponsor a child in one program and help us heal a grieving heart. For only \$2 a day you can send a child to camp and make their lives brighter. Support one person at a time and heal one heart at a time. You can make a difference!

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*Founded on the Dougy Centre, Portland, Oregon, USA*