



**Please briefly describe your program below, and then complete the attached questions.**

Ted E. Bear Hollow is a nonprofit organization that provides day camps, support groups and other services for grieving children, teens and their families. Founded in 2001, the center has helped more than 5,000 metro-area families by giving them support, understanding and the skills to communicate and cope after the death of a loved one.

Their work with families is paid for by members and contributors. Families are never charged to participate in any TEBH program. Our new "BearHUGS" campaign is designed to increase awareness and build financial support involving different subscription levels. Our "Pay It Forward" program enables you to sponsor a child or family through a program. We now have the capability to accept online donations, and recently added an online "Wish List" containing various program and office supplies that are always needed and much appreciated.

The staff and volunteers at Ted E. Bear Hollow are a resource for the community. They offer training and information to groups and organizations that are dealing with child grief, or would like to know more about the subject. The website contains a wealth of information. <http://www.tedebearhollow.org/index.php>.

Ted E. Bear Hollow has a number of **volunteer opportunities** for students and members of the community that want to contribute to the work we do with grieving children and families. This may involve helping at day camps, facilitating support groups, assisting with fundraisers, completing an internship or helping around the office, among other things. We invite you to become part of the Ted E. Bear Hollow family and get involved today!

*Please answer the following questions to assist the State Board of Health in reviewing your nomination. Materials that support the nomination, such as news clippings, brochures, etc., may be attached.*

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1. What community need(s) is being addressed by this program?

It is primarily for grieving children in the Omaha community, but everyone is welcome, on their own or with the whole family. It is a no cost program. People who do not have insurance for professional counseling gain access to resources, and those who are just not sure where to go can come and start getting answers to some of their questions.

2. What methods are used to carry out the program/initiative?

Recruiting volunteers, both professionals and members of the public. There are small and large group counseling opportunities with age appropriate activities.

3. Has the program collaborated with other public or private agencies in the planning, implementation or evaluation of this program? If so, please list the collaborating agencies and describe how this relationship has benefited the program and program recipients.

The Centering Corporation and Metro Area Hospice Network collaborated on day camps, but parents were asking for more. That led to Ted E Bear Hollow being incorporated in 2001 to better address the needs of grieving children and their families.

4. Please supply any data or other evidence which documents the effectiveness of the program and the benefits received by the community as a result of the program/initiative.

Thousands of children have been through the program.

5. How is this program/initiative funded? Please describe staff and volunteer commitment to the program.

Through a variety of fundraisers, donations and memorials. On April 7, 2012, there is a Fit for a Princess fashion show and auction fundraiser with proceeds to be donated to Ted E Bear Hollow. Profits from the "Grief is Like a Snowflake" book series go to TEBH.

The Doolin Classic shotgun golf outing had its 5<sup>th</sup> year in 2011, and raised \$6,200. There is an annual Run & Walk, this year the 14<sup>th</sup> annual event is planned for August 25, 2012. The 2011 Run / Walk netted over \$20,000 in revenue. On October 31, 2011 there was the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Comfort Food Classic, with 8 of Omaha's best chefs competing to make lasagna. 530 tickets were sold, raising nearly \$60,000. There were several corporate sponsors.

6. Please describe how this program/initiative is unique and creative in its approach.

They target kids, teens, young adults, and families. They offer a bilingual support group. Everyone is welcome. They have volunteers at every event, and there is often a waiting list to volunteer, and they offer internships. TEBH also offers opportunities for professionals to learn about supporting grieving children and teens with whom they work and how to refer families to the program.