

Bereavement Services Winter/Early Spring 2024 Calendar

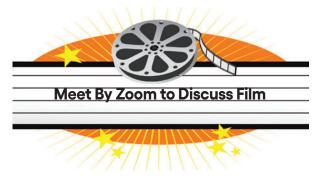
The David and June Pelkey Grief Education Series

Presentations designed to support people on their journey of grief

Registration is required • Workshops take place via phone or Zoom •

How Long Does Grief Last?

Thursday • January 18, 2024 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. Willis Partington • 718-715-5320 Willis.Partington@vnshealth.org



Saturday Matinee

A four-part film series to support you in the grieving process

Saturdays • January 20, February 3, 24, and March 2, 2024 (these dates are tentative)

1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Debra Oryzysyn • 212-609-1929 Debra.Oryzysyn@vnshealth.org



Bereavement Creative Arts Support Group

Each meeting will focus on the grief journey of group members, as told through the creative arts. No artistic skills required and a list of suggested art materials for each suggestion will be provided.

Thursdays • January 11, February 8, March 7, and April 4 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Rosanne Sonatore • 646-276-4399 Rosanne.Sonatore@vnshealth.org

Art making and collage to explore memories and grief

A workshop in collaboration with School of Visual Arts

Tuesdays • January 30, and February 6, 13

2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Janet King 646-341-0405 Janet.King@vnshealth.org

Special Topic:

Art as a Pathway to Healing

Thursdays • 2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 9 and 16



This spring, The Museum of Modern Art, in partnership with VNS Health Hospice Care, invites you to join regularly scheduled in-person programs at the Museum. Learn about art and meet new people through interactive sessions that will explore different artists and themes in modern and contemporary art. No prior experience necessary! Space is limited and preregistration required. This program is open to individuals who have had loved ones in VNS Health Hospice Care and participated in the bereavement program. First time participants will be given priority. For more information or to register, e-mail primetime@moma.org.

Stress Management and Self-Care in Grief

Tuesday • March 12 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Debra Oryzysyn • 212-609-1929 Debra.Oryzysyn@vnshealth.org



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Seasons of Life Support Groups

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Weekly (Ongoing) Groups

Chinese-Language Bereavement Support

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Tuesdays • 2:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.Pamela Yew Schwartz • 347-831-1811
Pamela.Schwartz@vnshealth.org

For Adults Grieving the Death of a Loved One

Tuesdays • 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. Willis Partington • 718-715-5320 Willis.Partington@vnshealth.org

Bi-Weekly Groups

For Adults Grieving the Death of a Loved One

Tuesdays • January 2, 16, February 6, 20, March 5, 19, and April 2, 16
1:00 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Dianna Sandiford • 646-430-4125
Dianna.Sandiford@vnshealth.org

For Spouses and Partners in the First Year Who Are Grieving the Death of a Hospice Patient

This Zoom group is ongoing

Mondays • January 8, 22, February 12, 26, March 11, 25, and April 8, 22
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Janet King 646-341-0405
Janet.King@vnshealth.org

For Young Adults Grieving the Death of a Loved One

Thursdays • January 11, 25, February 8, 22, and March 7, 21
6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Gladys Ortiz-Alvarado • 917-923-6288
Gladys.Ortiz-Alvarado@vnshealth.org

Men Coping with Grief

Mondays • January 8, 22, February 12, 26, March 4, 18, and April 1, 15 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. Willis Partington • 718-715-5320 Willis.Partington@vnshealth.org

Grupo de Soporte para Hispanos

"Construyendo un Puente hacia una Vida Nueva" (Spanish Bereavement Group)

Thursdays • January 11, 25, February 8, 22, March 7, 21, and April 4, 18
1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Liz Santana • 917-608-7220 Elizabeth.Santanta@vnshealth.org



Group Testimonial

"Being able to listen and share my deepest feelings with a group of peers was healing."

—J.S.



Group Testimonial

"Even with Zoom we can speak freely, safely, and from our hearts."

—N.D.



Group Testimonial

"Each time I attend the weekly group meeting, I am reminded of the importance of allowing myself to grieve."

—W.B.



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Monthly Groups

For Adults Grieving the Death of a Brother or Sister Mondays • January 22, February 26, March 25, and April 22

6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Gladys Ortiz-Alvarado • 917-923-6288

Gladys.Ortiz-Alvarado@vnshealth.org

Loss of an Adult Child

For Parents Grieving the Death of an Adult Child

Wednesdays • January 10, February 14, March 13, and April 10

1:00 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

Pamela Yew Schwartz • 347-831-1811 Pamela.Schwartz@vnshealth.org

Focused Groups

For Adults Grieving the Death of a Spouse or Partner

Tuesdays • January 23, 30 and February 6, 13, 20, 27 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Debra Oryzysyn • 212-609-1929 Debra Oryzysyn @vnshealth.org



Group Testimonial

"The openness of all and the wise empathetic leadership helps me feel compassion for fellow members and take focus away from my pain."

—S.N.



Group Testimonial

"The professional group leaders do their work with great wisdom and caring."

—E.G.



Group Testimonial

"When I was knocked out by grief the group got me back on my feet."

—E.G.



Group Testimonial

"The group gives me a safe place to tell my story and learn from others."

—W.B



Group Testimonial

"The group has allowed me to express all of my emotions fear, anger, sadness and everything in between."

-D.McG.



Group Testimonial

"My journey through the grieving process is evolving with the help and support of our Men's Group."

—G.B.



Group Testimonial

"I am able to process my thoughts as they come up and I know I am not alone."

—W.В.