New Face, Fresh Space

MHP Gets a New Development Director & Generous Donors Help Update MHP Lobby

There have been a lot of transitions at My Healing Place lately—even fresh paint in the hallways! But we have been most excited about our new Development Director Mary Jo O'Neal. Mary Jo comes to us with years of experience in development and nonprofit leadership and an enthusiasm to for the work we do at MHP. To read the full article find out more about this wonderful woman [click here].

In addition to welcoming new staff, the office itself received a bit of a facelift. Most of you know this, but we seem to attract really amazing people. Board member and office volunteer Stephanie Coleman overheard the staff wishing for more functional, updated furniture, and gave us the lobby of our dreams! To read all about the task force Stephanie gathered and the amazing work they did [click here].

EVENTS

- Brown Bag Lunch & Learn Panel Discussion: Grieving the Loss of a Child: July 31, 2015
- Understanding & Treating Complicated Grief Workshop: Aug. 21, 2015

Led by MHP Clinical Director Brittany Neece

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Sharing Our Stories,
Finding Our Strength
Become a Healing Helper: Volunteers Needed

Office Volunteers, Holders of Hope Committee and Facilitators

Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization. As a small non-profit organization, we literally could not function without the help of active community members. From our amazing Board of Directors to our facilitators, to the folks who help with our mind-numbing data entry, everyone can play a part in the healing that happens here.

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in providing office support during business hours (M-F 9-5). These volunteers would be volunteering regularly for 4 hours weekly or bi-weekly, answering phones, greeting clients and doing some light administrative tasks. There can be some down time with this position, but the support helps us tremendously.

We are also in need of Holders of Hope committee members and...
group night set-up/hospitality volunteers. The Holders of Hope committee helps plan our biggest most important fundraising event of the year. While hospitality volunteers (needed year-round like our office volunteers) would arrive at 5:30 on group nights to help set out chairs and nametags, prepare snacks for our kiddos, print agendas, and greet group members and help them find their rooms until about 7:30 pm.

Last but certainly not least, our support groups depend on our volunteer facilitators. The biggest thing that sets our support groups apart from other organizations is the quality of our specialized training, developed by our founder Khris Ford, kept up to date and delivered by our Clinical Director Brittany Neece. The complete training consists of 18 classroom hours spread out over 5 meetings and 2 group observations.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities please contact Rachel Saffer--rsaffer@myhealingplace.org.

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**BOOKCLUB CORNER**

**A Grace Disguised**
How the Soul Grows Through Loss
by Jerry Sittser

A beautiful book about transformative healing.

Meet the mother and daughter who found themselves volunteering at the same organization.

"We must be ready to see and willing to receive these gifts [of grace]. It will require a kind of sacrifice, the sacrifice of believing that, however painful our losses, life can still be good–good in a different way than before, but nevertheless good... I lost the world I loved, but I gained a deeper awareness of grace. That grace has enabled me to clarify my purpose in life and rediscover the wonder of the present moment."

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