



Always Here After Your Loss



2024 Impact Report

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About Us

We are proud to present the Christi Center's 2024 Impact Report, highlighting the transformative work of our agency in ensuring that no one has to grieve alone. This report showcases our achievements over the past year and our ongoing commitment to supporting our community.

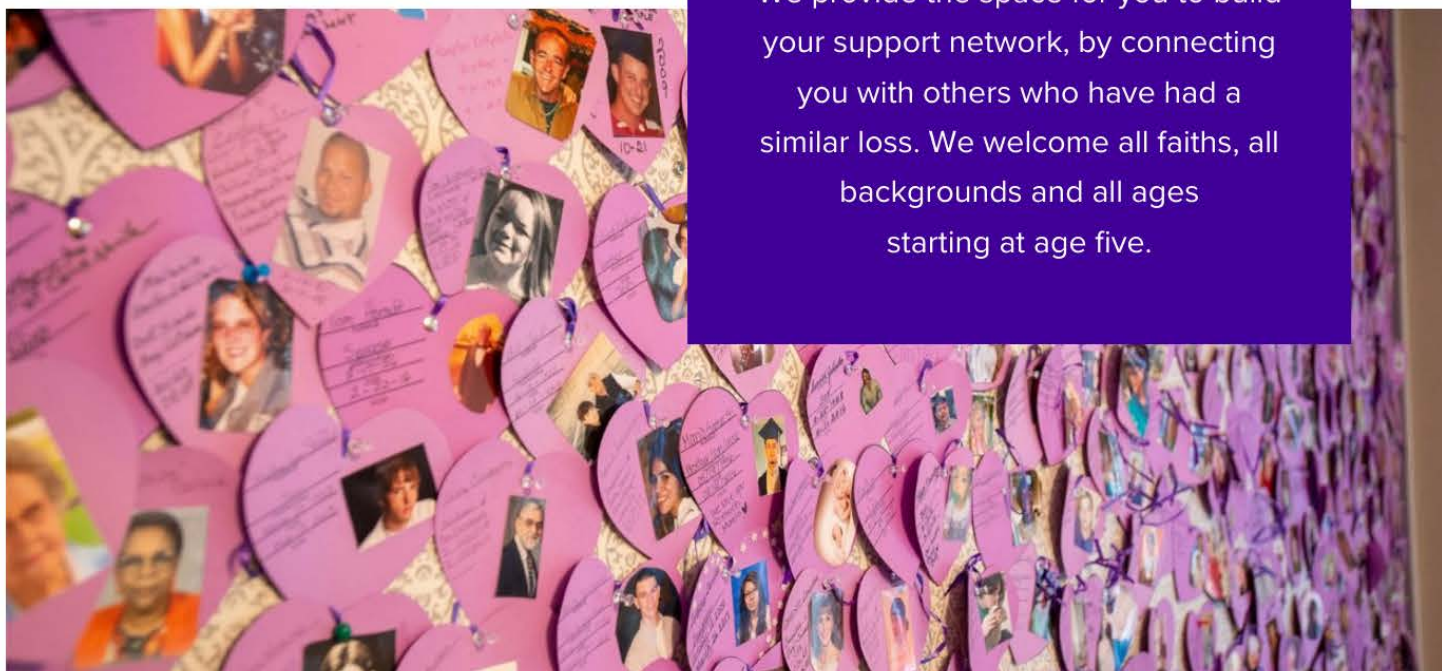
In 2024, Christi Center provided peer-based support groups both in-person at our Austin and Georgetown locations and online. We continued our dedicated youth programs, including our Kids Who Care group, Teen group, and individual youth counseling. Our reach extended to Central Texas ISDs, where we offered in-school individual counseling and group sessions. Additionally, we partnered with various agencies to provide training and community education

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to implement a new strategic plan, guided by a passionate team of staff and board members who are deeply committed to Central Texas. We are grateful for their unwavering dedication, which allows us to continue our vital work of supporting the community through every step of the grieving process.

Our Mission

*Offering hope after the death
of a loved one*

Christi Center is a free resource for any grieving person in Central Texas. We provide the space for you to build your support network, by connecting you with others who have had a similar loss. We welcome all faiths, all backgrounds and all ages starting at age five.



About the Christi Center

Core Values:

- Provide grief support, at no charge, to grieving families for as long as they need
- Educate and increase community awareness on issues facing the bereaved
- Build community partnerships to better support grieving people
- Preserve a diverse and sustainable base of volunteers and financial support to ensure that the Center's services continue to be available



Our Services



Adult grief support groups
in Austin and Georgetown
(Online & In-person)

Children and teen grief
support groups (In-Person)



Children and teen
individual counseling
(Online & In-Person)

Community education
and awareness



In-school groups
and counseling

Who We Served in 2024

In 2024, the Christi Center continued focusing on our core service pillars: information inquiries & referrals, peer-support groups for youth and adults, individual counseling for youth in-person, online and in select Central Texas ISD schools and community education/trainings and outreach. **Our impact includes:**



788

Inquiries via our info and referral service.



605

unique adults in peer groups.



619

unique crime victims who received direct assistance.



112

children and teens in peer groups.



184

sessions provided to 20 youth in individual counseling.



29

community trainings provided to 980 law enforcement, mental health professionals, clergy, and volunteers.

Our People

Thank you to the Christi Center staff and Board of Directors for working tirelessly to ensure our center's programs, operations and success.

STAFF

Jocelyn Chamra Barrera, LCSW

Executive and Clinical Director

Erin Spalding, LCSW-S

Director of Clinical Education

Melissa Bjørdal

Operations and Finance Coordinator

Cathy Collins

Crime Victim Advocate

Christi Neville, LPC

Peer Support Coordinator

Rachel Saffer, LCSW-S

Youth Bereavement Therapist
& Coordinator

Heather Stan, LMSW

Internship Manager

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Christi Neville, LPC & Susan Cox, Founder

Our Volunteers – The Core of Support

Facilitators

The Christi Center's support model is peer-based, with trained facilitators leading our groups. They provide essential support and understanding for individuals experiencing grief.

Interns

Masters-level students from graduate schools all over the US complete their direct-level internship.

Non-Direct Volunteers

Other volunteers play essential roles in sustaining Christi Center and its services. From maintaining facilities to organizing groups, setting up sessions and events, and serving on the board and committees, these volunteers are indispensable to the Center's operation and success.

Volunteer In-Kind Value

In 2024, Christi Center
volunteers contributed
4645 hours of service

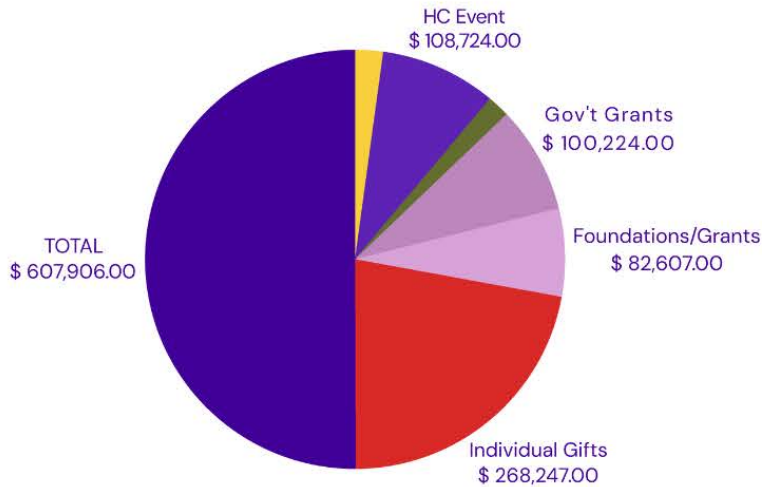
That's the equivalent of
\$155,561.05* in service

*per Independent Sector and the Do Good Institute

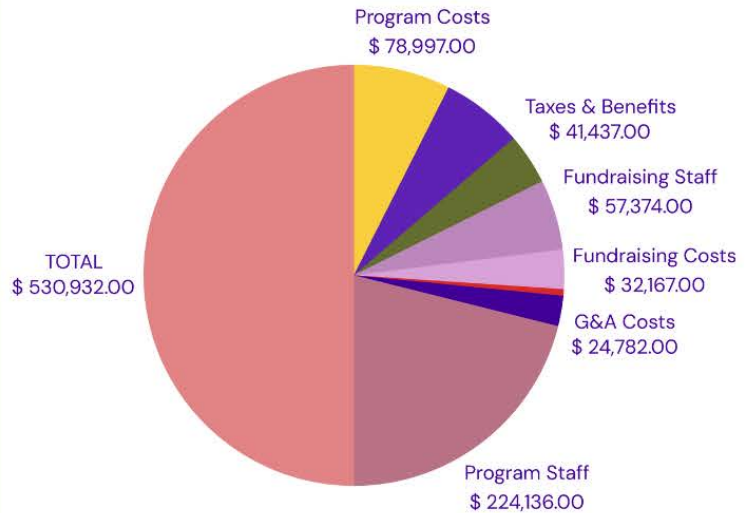
Thank You Christi Center Volunteers

Finances

Income



Expenses



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