

THE STILL PLACE

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



Message From Our Founders



Craig and I look back in wonder at what The Still Place has become over the past 10 years when we bought the first property and started inviting our amazing first families to come to the mountains and dream with us about what would best serve families experiencing serious illness and/or loss of a child. I wonder how one family in my practice as a first-year pediatric faculty member and one spicy child who stayed with us a while before she died could change our life and the world so much.

We wonder how it really happened. We wonder how we received so much love, gratitude, and inspiration from the 141 families we have come to know and love. From generous yoga friends and acquaintances to patients and colleagues we have been blessed with the resources to create a firm financial foundation. From our founding Board of Directors to our current Board of Directors we have kept our core values front and center at every step along the way, serving what we saw was needed at the time. Early on we wondered how we would make it through Craig's cancer journey and then the pandemic. The Still Place didn't just survive, it grew in serving more families, maintaining precious relationships and in filling an early dream of serving bereaved families more intentionally.

I now sit in wonder at how, the perfect person came along to carry The Still Place mission on. Danielle Mason, previously a, critical care nurse, and her family attended their first retreat in 2019 after her son Julian almost lost his life from a ruptured brain aneurysm. The journey made her realize the healing medicine of taking your power back as a mother and as a family. She and her husband sold their house and bravely moved their four spunky boys to our mountain community where she took the lead position at a local hospice. Finding her giftedness in being with patients, creating, visioning, community outreach, development, and data management, she applied for our Executive Director position and was embraced as the ideal individual to continue making The Still Place a sustainable nonprofit for generations to come. So, like the saying I read every morning, "Always be on the Look Out for the Presence of Wonder." It is in the little God winks if we can be still enough to notice.

Big Love Always,

Dawn Grinenko and Craig Kitchens
Co-Founders.

2022 Annual Report



Families Served: 45 (207 individuals)

Bereavement Retreats: 4 (17 bereaved parents)

SYM: 13 moms SYD: 4 dads



Revenue:

Individuals/Business: 96,834

Foundations and Corporations: 70,000

Gifts In Kind: 12,457

Fundraisers/ Misc: 5,133

Total: 184,424

Operating Expenditures:

Program Support: 21,472

Fundraising/Marketing: 5,139

Administrative: 70,035

Facilities/ Insurance: 45,942

Depreciation/ Capital:

Total: 142,588

Net Operating Income: 41,836



Angels 5,000+

World Outreach Fund
Granny's Attic
Craig Kitchens
Charlie's Heart Foundation

Kathy Mele
Janet Walczak
W.J. Dub Martin Charitable Trust
Percy Ferbee
Theresa Close

Gnomes 1,000-4,999

Hayesville First UMC
Gina and David Schell
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John and Nellie Bastien Memorial Fund
The Medical Educator Consordium Inc.
Peg and Russ Hall
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Shaunna Adler
Peter Haubenschild
Tom and Kathy Landis
Ron Medinger
Jim Pearce
William Riley
Katy and Timothy Russo
Janet Shively
Curt Wheeler

Elfs 500-999

Charles Prater
Connie Webb
Linda Kennedy
Russell Hughes
Jane Sutton
United Community Bank
Carol Ann Beine
Denna Brand
Theresa Holbrook
Molly and John Mandernach

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to our
donors!

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Hinton Rural Life Center
Sancturay for Life
Crystal West
Ellen Caroline
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Eloise Harman
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Frank Kulbertis
Cynthia Lytle
Paul and Gail Riegelmayr
Dee Grinenko
Kimberly Williams
Marjorie Hobkrik
John Cawthorn
Susan and Bill Fitzsimmons
Kimberly Grinenko
Kristin Kalwara
Andrea Rix
Oak Forest United Methodist Women
Rachael Smith
Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church
William Whatton
Charles Carter
Aaron's Tire and Auto
Murphy First UMC
Andrew Fairweather
George Leidner

Thanks to the continued generosity and amazing support from our donors, The Still Place provided retreats for 45 families in 2022. With the addition of our second house in 2021, we commonly now have 2 families visiting the Still Place every week throughout the year. Our staff and volunteers work together to bring the smiles and encourage building resiliency as a family by discovering new experiences together here in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina.

With support from Charlie's Heart Foundation and our donors, we were honored to host 4 retreats for bereaved parents at no cost to the families. Our Still Your Mom retreats provide bereaved moms a chance to connect and share their stories in a safe, peaceful place. Still Your Dad bereavement retreats provide an opportunity for fathers to share their heartfelt experiences about the loss of their child with other fathers while participating in activities designed just for them. Here at the Still Place, we see strength and love grow in these connections made.

At the end of each bereavement retreat, each parent paints a rock from our creek in memory of their child. We meet in the Circle of Angels, a beautiful memorial garden located between both houses. Each parent then takes a moment to celebrate their child, and share their memories with the group. Their child's rock is then passed around the group, then back to the parent, who then lays the rock at the feet of the angel statue where it will remain, holding the memory of their child.

It is such an honor to be part of The Still Place. My family and I first came for our own family retreat back in 2020 and fell in love with not only the area, but the mission and vision of The Still Place. Looking over the core values of this very special organization, it's my hope that the love and compassion that continues to shine brightly in all who are part of the growing Still Place Family.

Danielle Mason
Executive Director