

Community Bereavement Support in San Antonio

This list of resources has been created for those who have experienced loss of a loved one. The support groups and resources found here are places where those who have experienced loss can come together.

If there are questions, suggestions, or corrections for this list, please call The Ecumenical Center at (210) 616-0885.



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Loss of Infant/Child

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Bridges of Support	Bereavement outreach services for families experiencing a loss of a child (0-24 years).	See website for meeting times and locations.	Emily Sanchez	www.bridgesofsupport.org
Children's Hospital of San Antonio	Angels Away Support Group for families whose babies have died due to neonatal perinatal loss: miscarriage, stillborn, ectopic pregnancy or infant death.	The 3 rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.	Peggy Huber, Chaplain	(210) 704-2181
The Compassionate Friends	A self-help group offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents who have lost children from any cause at any age.	Alzafar Shrine Auditorium Cabiri Conference Room 901 North Loop 1604 West San Antonio, TX 78232 The 1 st Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.	Trish Willoughby	(210) 496-6281 twilloughby@satx.rr.com
The Ecumenical Center	Services include support groups, counseling and education for children, families and individuals of all ages. Also offering the Life After Loss bereavement support group program.	Please call for schedules, to make an appointment or for more information. And visit us at www.ecrh.org .	Lejla Cenanovic	(210) 616-0885, ext. 214
Parents of Murdered Children and General Loss/Support	Bereavement support group for families and friends of homicide victims.	Balcones Heights Community Center 107 Glenarm Place San Antonio, TX 78201 Meetings on the 2 nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m., except for June and July	Mary Jane Peterson	(830) 981-9490 mjpadar@aol.com
Porter Loring Family Care Services "Forever Loved"	A very special group of parents who have lost a child of any age (child or adult).	Alamo Heights United Methodist Church Seminar Room 107 825 East Basse Road San Antonio, TX 78209 Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.	Celeste Miller, Bereavement Coordinator	(210) 227-8221

Loss of Parent

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Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas	Grief support for children ages 3-24 and their families. Individual counseling for anyone experiencing a loss.	Please visit www.cbcst.org for more information. 205 West Olmos Drive San Antonio, TX 78212	Tammy Cochran	(210) 736-4847
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Porter Loring Family Care Services	Six-week classes are conducted at various locations throughout the community. These programs particularly help those who have lost parents, as well as other types of losses.	For more information about this program or to schedule one at your church, please call	Celeste Miller, Bereavement Coordinator	(210) 227-8221

Loss of Spouse

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Porter Loring Family Care Services "Men's Grief Support Group"	This group of men 65 years and older, invite you to join them for lunch and fellowship as you grieve the loss of your wife.	Alamo Heights United Methodist Church 825 East Basse Road San Antonio, TX 78212 Thursdays from 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Celeste Miller, Bereavement Coordinator	(210) 227-8221
Porter Loring Family Care Services "Fellowship in Grief"	This is an ongoing support group for men 25-66 years old who are faced with challenges of living life without their wives.	Porter Loring Family Care Services 2119 Mannix Drive San Antonio, TX 78217 The 2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays of each month, 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Celeste Miller, Bereavement Coordinator	(210) 227-8221
Porter Loring Family Care Services "Grief Support for Women"	This group is open to women 60 and older who have lost a husband and would like to join with other women in a journey of sharing, comfort, and healing.	Alamo Heights United Methodist Church 825 East Basse Road San Antonio, TX 78212 Mondays from 10 a.m. - 11:30 am	Celeste Miller, Bereavement Coordinator	(210) 227-8221
Porter Loring Family Care Services "Younger Women's Grief Support"	This group is an ongoing support group for women 25-60 years old who face the special challenges of losing their husband early in life.	Porter Loring Family Care Services 2119 Mannix Drive San Antonio, TX 78217 Meetings on the 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday of each month from 11:00-12:30 p.m.	Celeste Miller, Bereavement Coordinator	(210) 227-8221

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San Antonio Area Widowed Persons' Service and the Widowed Persons' Travel Group	Services: referrals, resources, support groups, socials, trips. Widowed persons of all ages are welcome.	Location varies on the event. Please call for information or visit www.sa-widowed.com Meetings are on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. at 10911 West Ave., San Antonio, TX 78216	Susan Blumhorst, M.A.	(210) 745-5801
St. Matthew's Catholic Church	Widowed and Widowers Support Group	St. Matthew's Catholic Church 10703 Wurzbach Road San Antonio, TX 78230 The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m.	Terri Nanez	(210) 478-5036

Loss of A Loved One by Suicide

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S.O.L.O.S. (Survivors of Loved Ones' Suicide)	Support group designed to help families and friends of suicide victims cope with the sorrow of the tragedy and the pain of survival.	The Ecumenical Center 8310 Ewing Halsell Drive San Antonio, TX 78229 The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7-8:30 p.m.	Tony Mata Angie Navarette	(210) 885-7069 (210) 722-9752

General Loss/Support

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Abode Contemplative Care for the Dying	Contemplative care for the dying and their loved ones. Physical, emotional, spiritual, and bereavement support to dying guests and their families, offered at no charge 24 hours a day.	In-services on various aspects of end of life care and the Art of Living and Dying. Guest eligibility: Please call (210) 967-9891. Interfaith Meditation Group: Mondays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. 8619 Post Oak Lane San Antonio, TX 78217 Tours: Weekdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call for an appointment.	Mireyal Hinojosa	(210) 967-9891
Air Force Village Hospice	Twelve-week grief recovery program for any type of loss.	Air Force Village Hospice 12455 Freedom Way San Antonio, TX 78238	Chaplain Dr. Luis Carlos Sanchez	(210) 838-6340
A-Med Community Hospice and Home Health	Ongoing bereavement support	4903 Golden Quail, Ste. 110 San Antonio, TX 78240	Chaplain Charles Murray	(210) 734-6300
Alamo Hospice	Bereavement support	3201 Cherry Ridge San Antonio, TX 78230	Chris Sitton	(210) 444-2244
Alzheimer's Association	Alzheimer's Monthly Grief, Loss & Mourning Support Group	Brookdale Castle Hills 1207 Jackson Keller Road, Building 2 San Antonio, TX 78213	Taylor Smith	(210) 375-8132
Beginning Experience of San Antonio Ministry	A retreat for Widowed, Divorced & Separated to deal with grief after the loss of a marriage partner. Held at Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in San Antonio.	<u>Mailing address:</u> P.O.BOX 235 Castroville, TX 78009 <u>Physical Address:</u> 138 Beethoven Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78210	Michelle Barrentine	(210) 478-0690

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Bereavement/Soul Care Provider	Providing bereavement services, individual and spiritual care for those who are facing terminal illness and for their survivors.	11703 Huebner Rd., Suite 106-505 San Antonio, TX 78230	Jan Davis, D.Min., Certified Spiritual Care Director	(210) 408-1841
Castle Ridge Mortuary	Bereavement Aftercare Program	Castle Ridge Mortuary 8008 Military Drive West San Antonio, TX 78227	Ana Campos	(210) 645-6000
Christus-VNA Hospice and Palliative Care	Life after Loss Bereavement. Support groups available in English and Spanish.	Christus Homecare 4241 Woodcock Drive, Ste. A-100 San Antonio, TX 78228 Monthly Grief Support 2nd Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. At 414 Wayside Drive San Antonio, TX 78213	Veronica Ibarra	(210) 785-5255
Sunset Memorial	Lift program for widows, Grief Guidance series.	Sunset Memorial 1701 Austin Highway San Antonio, TX 78218	John Segura	(210) 238-0050 (210) 828-2811
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Gentiva Hospice	Bereavement support	Odyssey Hospice 4440 South Piedras Drive, Ste. 125 San Antonio, TX 78228	Camille Torrez, Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator	(210) 733-1212
Good Shepherd Hospice	Bereavement support	4241 East Piedras, Ste. 171 San Antonio, TX 78228	Cindy Magsis	(210)733-3939 cindy.magsig@goodshepherdhospice.com

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Harbour Hospice	Bereavement Support, Life After Loss classes twice a year (spring and fall)	12915 Jones Maltsberger, Ste. 501 San Antonio, TX 78247	Chaplain Cleo Kukeya	(210) 403-9911
Holy Spirit Catholic Church	Bereavement support group. Life After Loss classes twice a year (spring and fall).	Holy Spirit Catholic Church 8134 Blanco Road San Antonio, TX 78216	Ann Hillestad Rose Cruz	(210) 492-3877 (210) 341-1395
Hope Hospice/New Braunfels	Bereavement Support, Family support groups, Newly bereaved groups, individual counseling for children and adults. Family camp in April – ages 5 and up. No charge for participants, open to the community, including San Antonio residents.	Hope Hospice 611 North Walnut Avenue New Braunfels, TX 78130	Oscar Olivares & Stephanie Shaw	(830) 258-5300
Hospice Compassus	Bereavement support	4204 Woodcock Drive, Ste. 240 San Antonio, TX 78228	Harry Miller	(210) 284-0149
New Century Hospice: “Knot Forgotten”	“Knot Forgotten” is a unique bereavement program emphasizing giving back to the community while offering support to one another.	New Century Hospice 8207 Callaghan Road, Ste. 353 San Antonio, TX 78230 The last Saturday of each month 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.	Elvia Obregos	(210) 520-7734
North Central Baptist: “Bridges Beyond Grief”	Bereavement support group	Holy Trinity Catholic Church 20423 Huebner Road San Antonio, TX 78258 Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 12p.m. Independence Hill Retirement Community Private Dining Room 20450 Huebner Road San Antonio, TX 78258 Tuesdays from 2 p.m. -3 p.m.	Emily Baril	(210) 497-8166 903 Hedgestone San Antonio, TX 78258

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Nurses in Touch Hospice	Bereavement support	Supporting provided in Floresville, Kenedy, and other San Antonio areas. Please call for more details.	Chaplain Philip Williams Rechelle Ehlert	(830) 216-7111 or 1 (800) 867-1668
Oak Hills Church: "Grief and Healing"	"Grief and Healing" classes offered twice per year.	Please call for schedule.	Mary K. Griffin, Care Ministry Martie Noll, Bereavement Ministry	(210) 698-4631
Outreach Health Service	Bereavement support	1111 Babcock Road San Antonio, TX 78201	Sister Rosa Sanchez, I.W.B.S.	(210) 736-1812
St. Bonaventure Catholic Church	Bereavement support	1918 Palo Alto Road San Antonio, TX 78211	Veronica Ibarra	(210) 785-5255 caregiver.support@christushealth.org
St. Luke's Catholic Church	Life After Loss support groups are offered twice a year in March and October. The group is offered in English, however, when requested, support for Spanish speakers is also available. Also Healing Hearts Bereavement support group.	4603 Manitou Drive San Antonio, TX 78228 Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Deacon Robert Garza, Pastoral care Or call the parish office	(210) 313-1053 (210) 433-2777
St. Matthews Catholic Church	Bereavement support	10703 Wurzbach Road San Antonio, TX 78230 Thursdays from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Bruce Orey	(210) 478-5036

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Summit Christian Center Grief Care Ministry	Pastoral care and spiritual support provided to those grieving the death of a loved one.	Summit Christian Center 2575 Marshall Road San Antonio, 78259 "Tear Soup" Support Group meets 1st Thursdays at 7 p.m.	Michelle Ramirez	(210) 683-8282 or (210) 402-0565, ext. 2171 griefcare@summitsa.com
UTHSC Allograft resources	Grief support on various topics. For more information, visit www.change100lives.com .	Westage Medical Building 5282 Medical Drive, Ste. 605 San Antonio, TX 78229 Monthly grief support workshops on 2nd Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.	Michelle Ramirez	(210) 567-0528
Vitas Innovative Hospice	Bereavement support group	Monthly Bereavement Support Group, 1st Saturday of each month Meets at Morningside Manor Chapel 602 Babcock Road San Antonio, TX 78229		(210) 348-4305 VITAS Healthcare 8401 Data Point Drive, Ste. 300 San Antonio, TX 78229