
Good Grief's 36-hour Facilitator Training Registration

Training to become better listeners and a caring presence in our community

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... where New Jersey's grieving children and families learn to live
and love after loss

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Note to Interested Trainees

Thank you for your interest

We at Good Grief are delighted that you are interested in becoming a Good Grief Facilitator. Good Grief's mission is dependent on the compassion and creativity of its volunteers. A facilitator has many characteristics, but the most noticeable attribute is empathetic listening. The role of a facilitator is to facilitate the expression of emotions and stories within a support group. A support group consists 12 participants, all of which are similar in age. Support groups are intended for children, teens, young adults, and adults to express their emotions and mourn with other people experiencing a similar loss. Support groups do not consist of counseling or therapy, and our objective is not to "fix" children or their families.

We require facilitators to make a one year commitment, meeting twice a month for three and a half hours. We support our facilitators with a half hour Pre-Group, a time to reflect on the evening and get support with other facilitators, before meeting with their group on a Night of Support (NOS). After facilitators meet with their group, they will have time to reflect on the night with their co-facilitator, sharing and discussing their role and those confidential things that cannot leave the Good Grief Center. Finally, the NOS concludes with a half hour Post-Group, which is a time for all the facilitators to convene. The Post-Group is fundamental to the facilitator's self-care, and it is a time to share how the evening has affected the facilitator. The structure of a NOS is intended to create a safe space for all participants and their facilitators, allowing facilitators to hear painful and joyful stories as empathetic listeners, without the evening having detrimental effects on the facilitator's personal life. All aspects of the NOS are required.

If the role of a facilitator interests you, we welcome your application and look forward to further speaking with you. If this role does not meet your talents and abilities, you may still be a part of Good Grief in other capacities. We always welcome questions and concerns. Please feel free to share this information with anyone you think might be interested. Again, thank you for your interest in the mission of Good Grief.

With gratitude,
Joseph Primo, M.Div.
CEO

Training Registration

Good Grief, Inc. is an equal opportunity Organization. Applicants to volunteer are considered for participation without regard to race, color, National origin, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, disability, citizenship status, or any other basis prohibited by law. Good Grief will comply with its obligation to provide reasonable accommodation to qualified individuals with disabilities. Good Grief is committed to selecting volunteers based on their character, ethics, interest and ability to participate in our Programs. It is imperative that the character and reputation of our volunteers be above reproach. Good Grief will perform background checks on all volunteers, and verify information from references. This is for the protection of our employees, volunteers, and Program participants.

Please answer all questions

General Information

☐ The total \$150 training fee is included
(this fee reserves your spot and is non-refundable)

Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Name to be printed on name tag (first name): _____

Name to be printed on training certificate (full name): _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Employment: _____ Work Phone: () _____

I am available to facilitate 7 hours per month. ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am available to facilitate bi-weekly for one year. ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am available to start facilitating following the training. ☐ Yes ☐ No

What Good Grief center will you facilitate at? ☐ Morristown ☐ Princeton

Please provide what training dates you are signing up for: _____

How did you learn about this opportunity: _____

Personal References

Please list the names of four personal references, and include the nature of your relationship. References will be contacted via email after you complete the training.

| Name | Relationship | E-mail |
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Have you ever been asked to resign from any volunteer position? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please state the organization:

Have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty to a crime? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please explain:

Previous Volunteer Commitments

Please list all volunteer experiences, particularly those which involved working with children.

| Organization | Volunteer Dates | Details |
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Reasons for Wanting to Volunteer at Good Grief

Please type your responses

Please tell us why you are interested in being a volunteer at Good Grief.

Describe any training you have had related to grief.

Does your experience include the loss of a family member or loved one through death? If so, who and how recently?

What do you hope to gain personally as a result of volunteering at Good Grief?

What do you like to do for fun?

Please share anything else you would like us to know about you . . .

Applicant's Statement

Please indicate that you have read and understand each paragraph by placing your initials besides each line.

_____ I certify that this application was completed by me and that all entries on it and all information in it are TRUE and COMPLETE to the best of my knowledge.

_____ I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application as may be necessary in arriving at a decision. In making this application, I understand that information as to my character, general reputation, and personal characteristics will be taken into consideration. I consent to this review and to the consideration of any statements of references or former employers are given in response to the inquiry.

_____ I hereby release all parties, including Good Grief, Inc. and references, from liability for any injury or damage that may result from their furnishing information concerning me or any decision Good Grief, Inc. makes on the basis of such information.

_____ I understand that the questions and inquiries in this application are for the safety of Good Grief staff, volunteers, and, most importantly, families enrolled in Good Grief Peer-Support Groups.

_____ I understand the one year volunteer commitment and intend to attend the Facilitator Orientation and entire Facilitator Training. Additionally, I will pay the training fee in full before the orientation.

_____ I am submitting this registration without undisclosed motivations or purposes for self-gain, i.e. coursework, career advancement, or other professional motives, and my participation and contribution to the organization is strictly to facilitate and provide support to grieving children and families.

_____ I understand that the \$150 training fee is to offset the cost of the training and that it reserves my spot in the training, making it non-refundable if I withdraw my registration.

Date

Printed Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant