

Wendt Center *today*

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Welcome to our first-ever E-Newsletter!! It is one way that we are letting you know how much we appreciate your support and commitment to the work of the [Wendt Center for Loss and Healing](#). We hope to be able to pass along exciting news, valuable updates and information - and just stay in touch a bit more often. Your feedback on how to make it better is welcome.

Calling all Volunteers!!

We want to *thank* you!! Our **Volunteer Appreciation** reception will be held on October 14, 6:00 - 8:00pm, at Venable LLP in Washington, DC. Please RSVP by October 8 to Kecia Hill (202-204-5025) or khill@wendtcenter.org.



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Barry Petersen, CBS News Correspondent, to Speak at 35th Anniversary Benefit

Wendt Center's Child Clients Featured on CBS Sunday Morning Segment with Katie Couric



The Wendt Center was featured on **CBS Sunday Morning with Katie Couric** in a powerful special segment on how children mourn. Ten of the Center's child clients were interviewed as part of an exploration of the unique needs of grieving children. The segment preceded a Sesame Street show on how families and children grieve. Wendt

Center staff served as consultants for this project. [Click here](#) to watch the segment.

One out of nine Americans have lost a parent before the age of 20. Our staff also recently participated in a compelling program on National Public Radio's **Diane Rehm Show** to discuss the challenges of adults who lost their parents as children. [Listen to the NPR broadcast](#) to learn more.

To support our important work with children and families experiencing grief, [click here now](#).

Healing our Grieving Children at Camp Forget-Me-Not/Camp Erin DC



CBS News correspondent Barry Petersen will be guest speaker at this year's 35th Anniversary Benefit, Thursday, November 4 at the Four Seasons.

Author of a recently published book entitled "*Jan's Story: Love Lost to the Long Goodbye of Alzheimer's*," he tells a powerful, timely story about his wife's early onset Alzheimer's, their subsequent journey through loss, and their unique and inspiring discovery of life's unexpected possibilities in the face of adversity. **David Gregory** will once again serve as Emcee.

Visit our [website](#) for more information. Be sure to reserve your seat early! We look forward to sharing a very special evening with you.

51 children grieving the death of a loved one came to Camp Forget-Me-Not/Camp Erin DC this year along with over 80 volunteers who knew from personal experience what these children were going through.

For many, it was a significant step forward in their journey toward healing. More than 50% of the young campers lost a loved one to homicide.



In the District of Columbia, many children lose a family member, multiple family members, not only to illnesses and accidents, but also to violence, to drug and alcohol addiction, and to incarceration.



A heartfelt thank you to the dedicated volunteers who participated in this life-changing experience. [Click here to support Camp Forget-Me-Not/Camp Erin DC in 2011.](#)

Wendt Center a Beneficiary of Hope Operas

The Wendt Center was selected as a beneficiary of this year's Hope Operas - a serially produced theatrical event beginning Monday, October 4 through November 1st at 8:00 PM at the Comedy Spot in Ballston Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Help support the Center by attending these innovative performances! Tickets are \$12 per show or all 5 shows for \$50. For more info call 323-788-8970 or e-mail lucrezia.blozia@gmail.com

Honor that Special Someone

Want to do something special for someone and help the Center serve its clients all in one? Say Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary, Thank You, I Remember You. [Click here to honor that special someone.](#)

Jamie Moyer Hosts Wendt Center Meet-and-Greet at National's Park



Jamie Moyer (far right), Phillies' pitcher and founder of Camp Erin grief camps hosted a meet-and-greet with the Wendt Center's Camp Forget-Me-Not/Camp Erin DC campers, volunteers and staff on Tuesday, September 28, at National's Park.

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