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.

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

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