

CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY

"Before they graduate from high school, one child out of every 20 children will have a parent die—and that number doesn't include those who experience the death of a brother or sister, a close grandparent, an aunt or uncle, or friend. Children's Grief Awareness Day is observed every year on the third Thursday in November. This time of year is a particularly appropriate time to support grieving children because the holiday season is often an especially difficult time after a death. This special day seeks to bring attention to the fact that, often, support can make all the difference in the life of a grieving child. It provides an opportunity for all of us to raise awareness of the painful impact that the death of a loved one has in the life of a child, an opportunity to make sure that these children receive the support they need."

—*Children's Grief Awareness Day Web Site*

This year, one of Safe Harbor's long-time (12 years!) volunteers, Joni Patras, organized a special Blue Ribbon Campaign for Hope. Every child and adult in our program decorated a blue ribbon with words and pictures of hope. These ribbons were linked together and hung in our main hall as a symbol of the power of support in numbers! Joni

prepared all the ribbons and instructions ahead of time and then took all the completed ribbons home to create our beautiful chain. This long chain is a reminder of how many participants come to Safe Harbor searching for support from strangers who soon become friends. No child should be alone in their grief!

Thank you Joni, for creating this powerful symbol, which the kids and adults alike have enjoyed sharing and reading.



<p>2016</p>  <p>JUNE FETE</p>	<p>Join us for the</p> <p>June Fete 5K</p> <p>Run/Walk</p> <p>Sunday, June 5</p> <p>Penn State Abington</p>
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Join us for the 28th Annual June Fete 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, June 5. Free t-shirt, raffles, awards to runners and professional chip timing—you will definitely want to "be in the running!" To register, call 215-481-2500.

Proceeds benefit Safe Harbor. If you would like to provide a donation, or become a sponsor, please contact John Phillips at 215-481-3607 or jphillips@abingtonhealth.org