

July 2022— Q2 Newsletter



Each month, up to 40 new families come to Tomorrow's Rainbow to move forward in their journey towards hope and healing. Our primary focus is on serving the children and teens who are suffering from grief, loss, or trauma, but we also provide support groups for their caretakers so that their healing can continue at home.

Neil B., a grandfather in Broward County, recently shared the impact that our holistic approach has made for him, his wife, and his two young grand-daughters:

THEN

It was heart breaking when I received the call from my 7 year old grand baby on FaceTime, crying and saying "My mom won't wake up from sleeping on the floor. It looks like she's passed out." My wife and me hustled over to their house, only to find their mom passed away on the floor next to the bed. It was heartbreaking for all of us, especially the 3 and 7 year old kids.

NOW

God is Good! We have had a lot of support from friends and family, knowing that me and my wife are retired. We were introduced to Tomorrow's Rainbow, which we love. They are doing such a great job for us and the kids!

When I founded Tomorrow's Rainbow 17 years ago, I could never have imagined the challenges our community would face, and

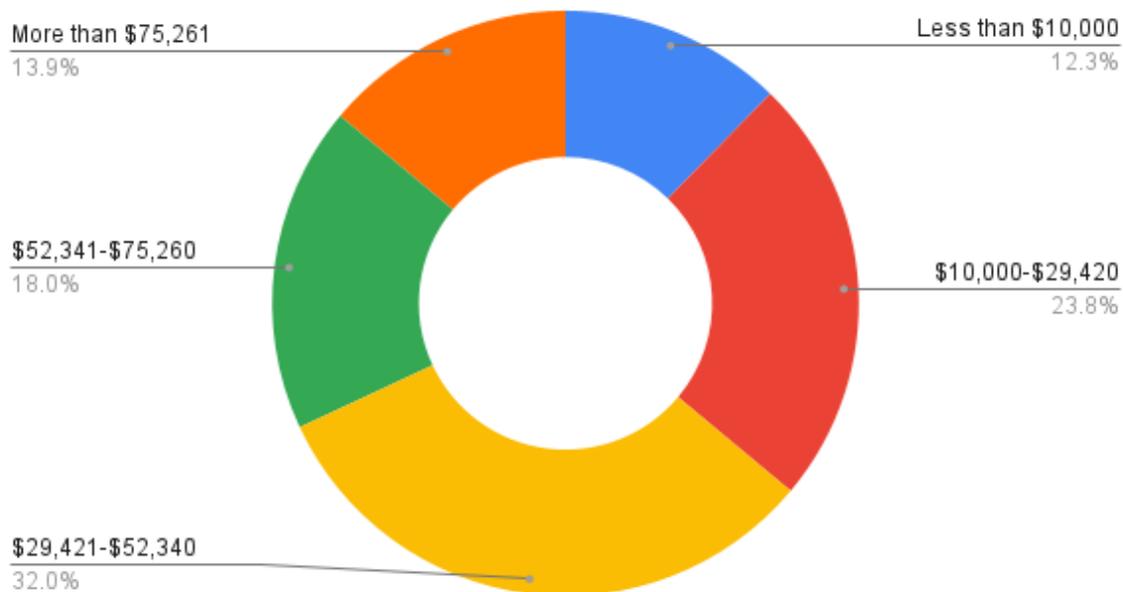


how this little ranch would grow to provide hope for so many. Since 2005, more than 10,000 children have come through our gates to heal from their grief, loss, and trauma. It is truly an honor to stand with each and every family, to support and hold space, and to move forward together.

— Abby Mosher
Founder & Executive Director

Increasing Access to Services for Low-Income Families

Income Level of Current Clients - July 2022



The consequences of unsupported grief and trauma are often both devastating and long-term; children who do not receive support for these challenges are at much higher risk of social isolation, depression, anxiety, anger, substance abuse, low academic performance, self-harm, illegal activities, and even suicide.

Unfortunately, one of the greatest barriers to support is the expense. The cost of private therapy generally ranges from \$65 to \$250 per hour – far out of reach for the 11% of families living in poverty in Broward County (US Census, 2021), and the many more who are living paycheck to paycheck.

Tomorrow's Rainbow was founded to provide free services for families in need. Today, 67% of the children we serve are from families who earn less than the median income – 5% more than in 2019.

We strive to make effective support for grief and trauma available for children in need, regardless of their family's financial circumstances. Thank you to our community partners who are helping us make hope and healing accessible for every child! To make a donation, [please click here](#) or contact abby@tomorrowsrainbow.org or 954.978.2390.

Celebrating Our *Brave of Heart* Grant

We are thrilled to share that the [National Alliance for Children's Grief](#) (NACG) has awarded Tomorrow's Rainbow a *Brave of Heart* grant – one of only 13 awarded across the United States!



This grant will help us achieve two important goals. The first goal is to recruit more volunteers of color so that we may better connect with children of color, who are 68% of the clients we serve. The second goal is to open a bereavement group specifically for children and families who are grieving a COVID-related death. At 40%, COVID is currently the leading cause of grief among our clients.



We are grateful to the NACG and the Brave of Heart Fund for their generous support and for making these important projects a reality for Tomorrow's Rainbow and the community we serve. *Thank you for helping us meet the need!*

Dates for upcoming volunteer and new client orientations are below. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering or benefiting from our programs, please reach out any time via 954.978.2390.

Thank You, Rotary Club of Ft. Lauderdale/Cypress Creek!

The entrance to Tomorrow's Rainbow is more warm and welcoming thanks to the generosity and helping hands of our friends at the Rotary Club of Ft. Lauderdale/Cypress Creek! On April 30th they volunteered to create this wonderful new entryway garden – a project that will offer comfort to those that arrive for our services for years to come. *Thank you, Rotarians!*



Ft. Lauderdale/Cypress Creek Rotarians volunteered to beautify our entrance...



...and the finished product looks wonderful. We love the rainbow-shape detail in the mulch!

Is your organization looking for a volunteer opportunity? We are happy to work with groups of any size to create a volunteer opportunity that works with your schedule and skills. Contact Mary Jo Vandervoort at maryjo@tomorrowrainbow.org or 954.789.5969.

Looking Ahead



Pony Jail 'n Bale Presented by Salah Foundation Children's Hospital at Broward Health

Our signature annual event is back for a day of all-ages fun and fundraising! Join us for games, music, dunk tank, bounce house, Publix pie eating contest, and of course, our "Lock Up" of Very Important Prisoners. [Click here for details.](#)

This will be the first time we've held Pony Jail 'n Bale on the farm since 2019 and we can't wait to welcome you back!

DATE:

Sunday, October 16th • 1:00-4:00 pm
Tickets: \$10 pp all inclusive

Sponsorship opportunities for Pony Jail 'n Bale are still available! [Click here](#) or contact Abby Mosher via abby@tomorrowsrainbow.org or 954.978.2390.



Q3 New Client Orientation

Each month, new families begin their healing journey at Tomorrow's Rainbow with an orientation session. Space is limited to 20 families, and sessions do reach capacity. To learn more or register, [click here](#) or contact Ashley Magaraci, Program Coordinator, at 954.543.6302 or ashley@tomorrowsrainbow.org.

DATES:

Saturday, August 20th • 4:00 pm
Saturday, September 17th • 4:00 pm

Q3 Volunteer Orientation

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Tomorrow's Rainbow! Learn more about opportunities to work with children or our herd at our monthly orientation session. Contact Mary Jo Vandervoort, Volunteer & Special Projects



Coordinator, at 954.798.5969 or maryjo@tomorrowsrainbow.org.

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Donate Today!

It only costs \$125 to provide a child with one month of services at Tomorrow's Rainbow. Your gift today is tax deductible, and will make a life-long difference for a child in need!

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