



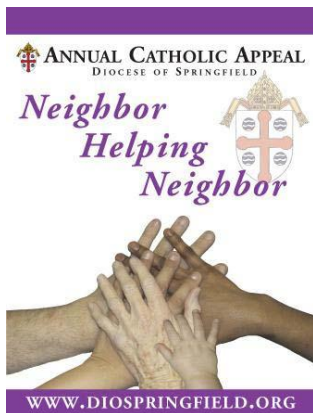
RICK'S PLACE, INC.

*Providing Support to Grieving Children and Their Families*

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### *A Gift from Annual Catholic Appeal*



Wilbraham, MA (February, 2011) Rick's Place, Inc. is pleased to announce a generous gift from Annual Catholic Appeal. During Fiscal Year 2010 Rick's Place was awarded an \$8,000 grant from the Diocese of Springfield Annual Catholic Appeal.

“With such tremendous support, care and commitment from the community we are able to provide a safe place for grieving children and their families at no charge,” says Shelly Bathe Lenn, Executive Director of Rick's Place.

Rick's Place provides bereavement support to families with young children who have experienced the death of a close family member. There is no charge for the service, but it is not a free program to run. Rick's Place relies 100% on donations from individuals, businesses and corporations. All monies raised directly benefit the children and families at Rick's Place.

Rick's Place offers bi-weekly bereavement support for families with children ages 5-18 at The Kid's Village in Wilbraham. Groups are also held on-site for students in Springfield and West Springfield Public Schools at no charge. Additionally we serve survivors of suicide; and provide outreach and education to school districts, service providers, and community groups.

For more information about Rick's Place contact Shelly Bathe Lenn at 413 348 3120, or visit our website at [www.ricksplacema.org](http://www.ricksplacema.org).

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