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Hello Peel Region! – can you help us support grieving kids?

Lionheart Camp for Kids is hitting the road next April, bringing its services to the Peel Region to help local children who have experienced the death of a parent, primary caregiver or sibling.

With thanks to The John and Bella Perry Foundation, it's the first time the two-day program has been offered in the region. The April program will allow children aged between 5 and 17, along with their families, the opportunity to explore and better understand their grief. Under expert guidance by bereavement professionals, they will strengthen family bonds, develop skills and reduce mental illness in a safe, fun-filled space.

Toby Young and Gena Dyer are among the many who have completed the New Families Camp. Following the death of their baby son Eithan, during the final trimester of pregnancy, the couple found themselves not only juggling their own personal grief, but that of their older children Cloey and Deegan as well.

"It's given us a really good toolset for dealing with the different things the kids have gone through. They experience grief in a different way to mum and dad. Quite often mum and dad don't have all the answers or the ability to deal with it all. So being able to have that toolset to navigate some of those challenges...has really helped us be there for them," Toby Young said.

"The people involved – they are angels, carers we can't live without. They've given us a fun and supportive way of life," Gena Dyer added.

Families can register their interest here –

<https://drct-lionheartcampforkids.prod.supporterhub.net/pages/newfamiliescampenquiryform>

More information can be found at our website -

www.lionheartcampforkids.com.au

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About Lionheart Camp for Kids:

Founded in 2015, Lionheart Camp for Kids is a not-for-profit organisation empowering bereaved children and families to navigate their grief journey through education, peer-support, strength-building and resilience. Lionheart provides a safe, fun-filled space for both children, teens and their families to explore and understand their grief.

Our bereavement services also extend to tailored bereavement support, helping parents prepare children for a death in the family, online support programs, mentoring, community events, in-school programs and educational resources. We rely on the generosity of community donations, volunteers and grant funding (from organisations like Telethon and Stan Perron Group) to be able to provide access to grief support to as many children and their families in WA as possible.