

2019 Annual Report



Managing Director

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to this year's Annual General Meeting, celebrating not only our 2018/2019 accomplishments, but also 24 years worth of Seasons Centre for Grieving Children's achievements.

It is so important for us to have these opportunities to connect with our community; after all – that's what it's all about for us: successful community inclusion. I wanted to start by thanking you for joining us tonight; your support and presence here is indicative of the steps we've made in the right direction, and of the possibilities of what could be as we continue on this path.

Seasons Centre for Grieving Children is known around Ontario as a leader in its field. We are proud of our reputation and have worked hard to establish it.

Rowley Ramey – Managing Director

Mission

To provide peer to peer support programs in a safe, home-like atmosphere for children, teens and their families grieving the death or life-threatening illness of a loved one.

Vision

Seasons Centre for Grieving Children is founded on the belief that every child deserves an opportunity to grieve in a supportive and understanding environment.

Volunteers

Volunteers, as always, are the essence of Seasons Centre.

We would not exist without their compassionate devotion to the families and to Seasons Centre.

Volunteer grief facilitators (Buddies) logged an incredible **2,397** hours in 2018.

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2018 Interesting Facts

For the first time in the Centre's history we increased the number of children & caregiver groups from **16 to 20**.

369 positions were filled in our In-house Peer Support Groups or Alternative Programs.

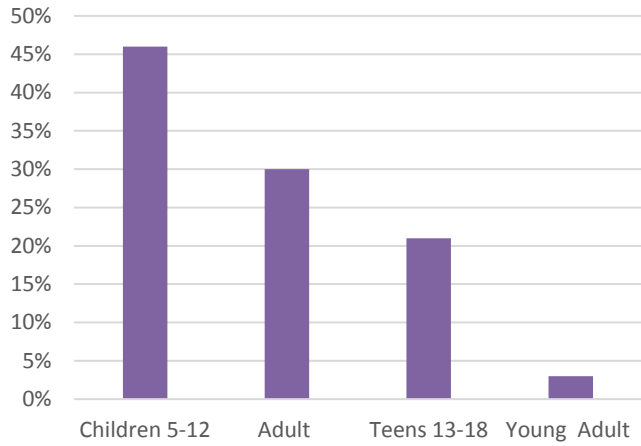
SCGC offered a new school program to our county's preschools, elementary and secondary schools.

This program offers:

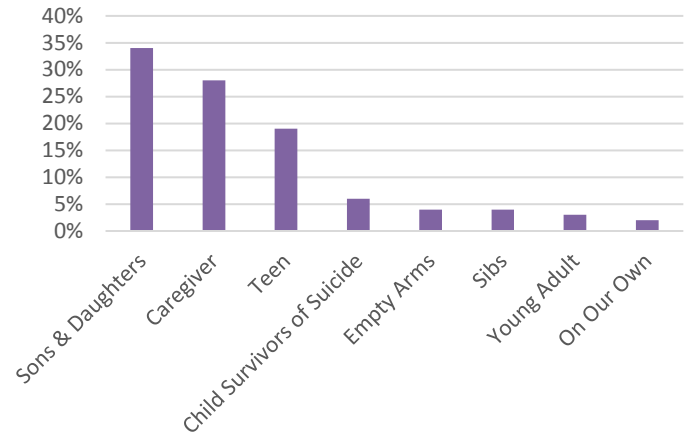
- ✓ In class support when a classmate is grieving the death of a loved one
 - ✓ Teacher consultation
 - ✓ Education regarding death & the grief process as part of the school curriculum
 - ✓ one or two educational/support sessions for a specific group
 - ✓ 8-week closed group support sessions
 - ✓ One-time initial assessment in a secondary school for teens who may meet SCGC group criteria
 - ✓ First response support due to a death. Each program is customized to fit the schools need.
- Over **100** children and adults have been provided support since the inception of this program

There were **272** inquires, with **197** people admitted to our services. **75** were referred to appropriate community organizations or were professional/parent consultations.

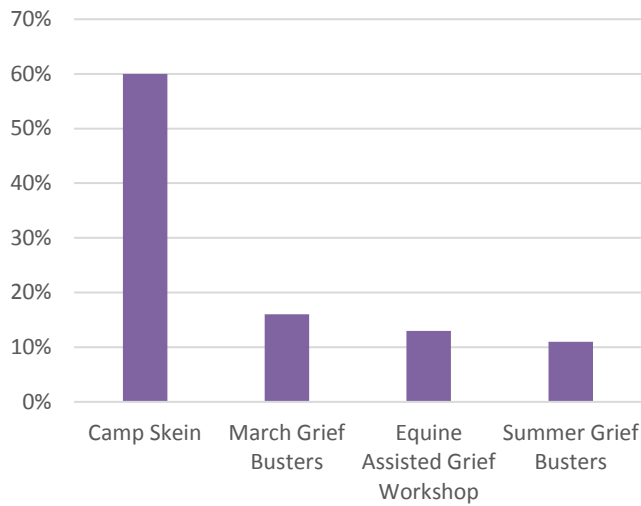
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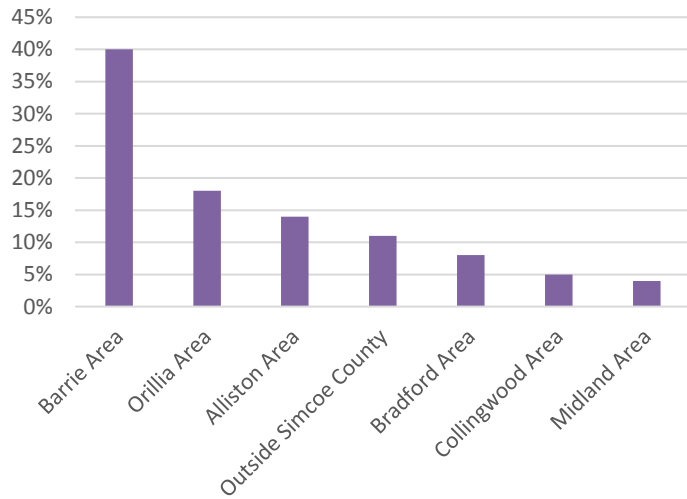
Centre Groups



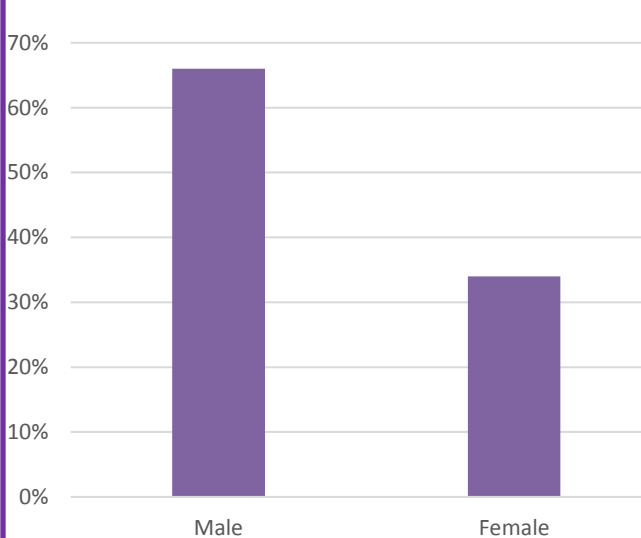
Alternative Programs



Geography



Gender of Deceased



Cause of Death

