

**D**ear Friends and Colleagues: We hope that you are all enjoying your summer, and that you are continuing to stay safe and healthy.

### **Are you familiar with Grief and Loss Services of the Camp Kerry Society?**

We are a Canadian Charity that has been running bereavement support programs since 2007, with a mandate to serve children, youth, adults and families impacted by serious illness, grief and loss. You can find out more about us and our program offerings on our website:

<https://campkerrysociety.org/>

### **How We Have Adapted to the 2020 Pandemic:**

- We immediately and successfully offered virtual programming including; group and individual counselling, family art therapy, community choirs as well as music and photography workshops.
- When it became clear that we would be unable to operate our signature “Camp Kerry” family bereavement retreats that run each year at locations in BC, Ontario & New Brunswick, we rose to the challenge of creating a national virtual program that would meet our goals of providing an experience of healing, connection and hope for grieving families through compassionate community. The result of our research and planning is ***Kaleidoscope 2020: Camp Kerry’s first National Virtual Grief Convention for Families and Professionals.***

### **Kaleidoscope 2020: Thursday September 24 to Sunday September 27**

- A wide range of workshops and inspiring talks from internationally-recognized keynote speakers **Dr. Lorraine Hedtke, Ann Douglas & Dr. Patch Adams**, alongside notable experts in the fields of health & wellness, grief psychology & counselling, parenting and education.
- Also featured are some of our more traditional “camp” activities such as a Friday evening campfire, a community memory service, morning and evening self-care sessions and so much more!
- Fun, engaging virtual workshops for children and youth including instrument-making, music lessons, puppetry, music recording, art and photography
- Support groups for youth and adults facilitated by professional therapists.

### Information for Professionals/Students/Volunteers:

We are offering this exciting opportunity for the heavily discounted price of \$100.00, which allows you to attend all keynotes as well as open programs and workshops throughout the weekend. Students and active community organization volunteers can attend for \$65.00.

### Information for Families:

Please share this information with families you think could benefit during this difficult time. All families coping with grief and loss are welcome to attend the entire program free of charge.

Please join us and help us spread the word by letting your networks of colleagues and clients know about this unique opportunity for grief support and education. To see our full agenda and register, go to: <https://campkerrysociety.org/kaleidoscope-2020-a-virtual-grief-convention/>

We hope to see you in September!

With Love, the Camp Kerry Staff & Leadership Team

The poster is for the "Kaleidoscope 2020" virtual grief convention. It features a dark background with a blue and purple gradient. At the top, it says "The Camp Kerry Society Presents". Below this are four circular portraits of speakers: Dr. Heather Mohan, Dr. Lorraine Hedtke, Dr. Patch Adams, and Ann Douglas. The main title "Kaleidoscope 2020" is in large, colorful letters. Below it, the text reads "A Virtual Grief Convention for Families & Professionals" and "September 24-27". At the bottom, it says "Four Days of Connection, Inspired Learning & Hope" and "www.campkerry.org". On the right side, there is a vertical banner with the Camp Kerry Society logo, the text "Special Guests", and two more circular portraits of speakers: Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy. The banner also features a silhouette of a person standing on a cliff against a night sky with the aurora borealis, and the hashtag "#SupportingLifeAfterLoss".