

**Our Christmas offering will be given to Camp Koala  
94 Chestnut Street, Mifflinburg, PA 17844**



Camp Koala was established in memory of my sisters, Shelly (12) & Heather (9), who died in a car accident on Mother's Day, 1989. Through this camp, I hope to give meaning to their short lives, because they meant so much to everyone whose lives they touched.

After 20 years, I decided to create a camp as a living memorial to them, to help kids who experienced what I went through when I was a kid. I don't want kids to spend 20 years grieving alone like I did. It's hard for parents to help kids at times like this, because they're grieving, too, and kids feel better talking with kids who have been through a similar situation.

My hope is that through Camp Koala, kids can find a safe place to talk about their feelings and find friends to help them through these hard times, and also have fun! With the help of many great volunteers and a fantastic Board of Directors, we've created a safe place to work through these challenges, where people don't treat you like you're contagious.

- *Our 3-day residential camps are the perfect opportunity for a kid to be a kid again while learning important coping skills for healthy grieving. All camps are free to attend and include fun, thoughtful activities using pet, art, and music therapy mixed with traditional camp games to make their weekend filled with laughs, friends, and memories.*
- *Our one-day camps are offered to grieving youth in the Union County area. Day Camps are light and fun, and all of our activities are related to Art Therapy, Play Therapy and a healthy expression of your emotions.*
- *Camp Koala offers 6-week grief support groups in partnership with local schools, hospitals and community centers in the Union County area. Support Groups are therapeutic arts and peer-support based and are FUN!*
- *Comfort Bags are offered to funeral homes and school counselors when students return to school after experiencing a death. This is a great way for the Counselor to open a dialogue about their loss while acknowledging this very important change in their life. Often, students are expected to return to the classroom after a loss, without any support.*

**My dream was to have a physical building for Camp Koala and it happened! We recently purchased the property at 94 Chestnut St., Mifflinburg and final construction updates will be completed very soon allowing us to expand our support in additional areas!**

**We encourage you to share Camp Koala with families who need this support. Also, we love and need our volunteers! I am so appreciative of those who serve from my childhood home church – First Lutheran! Contact us with any questions or to volunteer @ [director@campkoala.org](mailto:director@campkoala.org)**

***Lisa Streett-Liebetrau, Founder/Director***





*Thank you from Camp Koala for your support of children & teens!*