August 1, 2013

Dear School Professional,

I am writing to let you know that Rainbows, a grief support program for children (K – 8th grade), is once again available to students in your district for the upcoming school year. We may offer the Sunbeams program for preschoolers. The Rainbows program is facilitated by St. Raphael Church in Naperville and is provided free of charge to all participants.

This international program offers children a chance to talk about their loss with children their own age that may have had a similar experience. These experiences can range from the divorce or separation of parents, to the death of a parent or other family member, or from another traumatic event. This program is NOT intended to replace any counseling needs; rather it’s just a comforting place to come and express feelings with your peers.

The Rainbows program will meet once a week on Thursday evenings (6:15pm – 7:15pm) at St. Raphael in Naperville (1215 Modaff Road) starting on September 19 through November 21. It will pick up again after the winter holidays on Jan 23 (tentative) for 9 weeks. We will have a family ice cream social on August 29.

A registration form is enclosed for you to use if you know a child who you feel may benefit from Rainbows. Feel free to make additional copies (2-sided) as needed if you would like to share this information with appropriate colleagues or interested parents.

If you need further information about the Rainbows program, I encourage you to visit the website www.rainbows.org or call me at (630) 357-6007. Registration is preferred by September 1. We do continue to register children throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Sue Swedler
Coordinator of St. Raphael’s Rainbows Program