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## Welcome!

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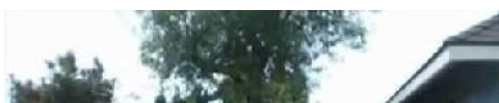
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Should you have any questions, feel free to contact our Executive Director, Jeff Jordan, at [info@LeoBuscaglia.org](mailto:info@LeoBuscaglia.org)

## Laurel House

Founded in 1985 in Tustin, CA by two concerned women as an emergency crisis shelter for teenage runaways, **Laurel House** has evolved over the years into a unique, proactive, preventive program and home for teen girls at risk of becoming homeless due to tense family situations at home. Today, teen girls and their parents can "take a break" from each other in a safe, structured and purposeful way at Laurel House while receiving intensive counseling.



Laurel House's mission is to support teens in crisis and their families, and to



encourage family reconciliation or resolution by providing temporary residential care for teenagers, serving their physical, emotional and spiritual needs in a home environment.

In the past 12 months, Laurel House has provided more than 1,300 safe bed nights to 14 troubled, hurting teen girls and offered help and healing with nearly 450 counseling sessions to

teens and their struggling families. Their teens also engaged in more than 225 hours community service.

In addition to providing a safe environment, Laurel House also offers Annual Scholarships to teenagers who are often the first in their family to attend college. Graduating members return to Laurel House to mentor new girls, serve on the Board of Directors and promote awareness about their organization within the community. The Leo Buscaglia Foundation provided funds for the Scholarship Program.



[Click here](#) for more information on Laurel House.

## OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center



The central mission of OUR HOUSE is to provide the Los Angeles community with grief support services, education, resources and hope. OUR HOUSE helps people learn how to integrate death and acknowledge life. For the past 19 years, they have provided age-specific support groups, community education on grief and death, and training of

mental health and medical personnel in working with bereaved families. Today OUR HOUSE serves over 7,000 children and adults each year and trains over 180 volunteers.

Services are provided by mental health professionals and trained volunteers. Alumni from Child & Adolescent grief support groups often become Teen Group Leaders. Adult grief support group members often become Volunteer Group Leaders and Presentation Volunteers, educating local physicians and healthcare professionals about grief and how to better help grieving families. The Leo Buscaglia Foundation



provided funds which were used in part to train volunteers.



Each summer, OUR HOUSE operates Camp Erin, a grief camp for kids ages 6-17 who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or guardian. The camp is offered at no cost to the families and is run by over 59 volunteers and 7 staff.

OUR HOUSE also hosts the annual Run for Hope-a day where group members walk or run a 5K in memory of someone close to them who has died. Local community streets are shut down for the afternoon and the event includes the run, an awards ceremony, music, food and face-painting. Last year there were over 500 in attendance.



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