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Welcome!

Below are two organizations who have received grants from the Leo Buscaglia Foundation.

[Heidi Duckler Dance Theater](#) [Kara](#)

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact our Executive Director, Jeff Jordan, at info@LeoBuscaglia.org

Heidi Duckler Dance Theater

The mission of **Heidi Duckler Dance Theater** is to build communities through the performing arts. They create contemporary art experiences in nontraditional relationships between audience and art through the cultivation of innovative partnerships. They have worked exclusively outside of the traditional proscenium stage setting for nearly 30 years cultivating artistic programs that are rooted in the local culture of the neighborhoods in LA.

Heidi Duckler Dance Theater has five outreach programs, one in particular is called Duck Truck Residency Program. This is where they bring the

company's vintage 1961 Oasis trailer to a community to use as a mobile classroom. The Duck Truck reverses the expectation that individuals must travel to artistic experiences and workshops; rather the truck meets the individuals where they are and gives them inspiring creative, participatory experiences in their own neighborhood. In the first year the Duck truck has hosted five locations which has reached over 600 youth participants and nearly 2,000 additional community members

Click [here](#) for more information on **Heidi Duckler Dance Theater**.

Kara

The **Kara** mission is to provide grief support to children, teens, adults and families. Their vision is to see people of all ages compassionately supported on their journey through grief, so they can move toward renewed hope and meaning. Their primary programs include Youth & Family and Adult Programs, Clinical Therapy Programs, Community Outreach and Training & Education Programs.

Kara served over 80 children at their past annual grief camp at Camp Erin. In total, 47 volunteers were trained for the Camp. Not only does Camp Erin help the kids that are grieving a loss but also makes an impact on the volunteers well. One volunteer commented after camp, "Being able to witness kids be completely honest about missing the person in their life who died, and seeing them connect so intensely over a common bond was incredibly rewarding- the candle ceremony was a moment I'll never forget."

Click [here](#) to learn more about **Kara**.

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