

## How Carson's Village Started

On April 28, 2017, our youngest son, Carson, aged 11, passed away unexpectedly. We were completely blindsided and had no idea what to do next. The hospital didn't have a "brochure" or any information regarding next steps for us. We went home empty-handed, without our child and with no idea what the next few days held in store for our family.

Afterward, we knew that what we had learned from our experience could benefit others, so we created Carson's Village to help families navigate the practical details involved with a sudden loss, from the moment of passing through the funeral. We don't want another family to be as unprepared as we were.

- April and Jason, Carson's parents

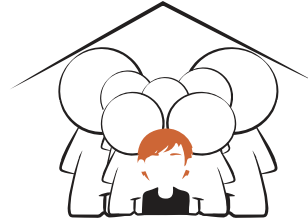


## Carson's Village Can Help You

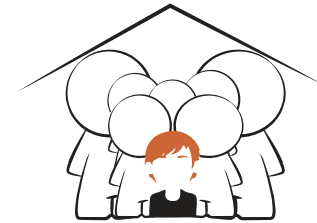
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# ORGANIZE A VILLAGE

## Helping Families Organize Their Village

If you've never experienced the sudden loss of a loved one, you can't really imagine how many practical details there are to manage. Making burial arrangements, hosting family and friends, planning and coordinating funeral services and tracking gifts from meals to flowers to donations are just a few of the tasks you'll need to focus on in the days following your loss.

**Carson's Village provides a wide range of free support services to help your family navigate this difficult time.**

Contact us as soon as possible so that we can help you avoid the many common pitfalls that come with an unexpected loss.

## How We Can Help

- Assign a compassionate advocate to walk you through the process
- Offer links to helpful articles and tips in our Resource Library
- Provide a Timeline of to-dos
- Create a family webpage to organize and communicate family needs and news
- Set up a donation process
- Coordinate food, guests, and visitors
- Navigate the funeral home experience
- Write an obituary
- Offer ways to decrease family stressors
- Avoid typical pitfalls and possibly save money

## Did You Know

- Funeral home meetings can last up to three hours, so eat before you go.
- Once you leave the hospital, you may not see your loved one again until the visitation.
- Many families choose to donate vital organs. Time is critical in deciding to donate. You have only 24 hours in most cases to make a possible life saving decision. You must be prepared to answer medical related questions from the medical examiner's office.
- You have options on where you can purchase a casket, urn, and grave markers. Check our resource library for helpful links.



*"This process is hard to navigate. The Advocate was there to provide guidance; all the steps were there to make it easier"*  
-Robert P.

*"The family page was great and it expressed what I could not say."*  
-Jessie F.

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