"Where there is sorrow, there is holy ground." -Oscar Wilde

## **DETAILS**

18 yrs.+

Free for Danville residents.

For non-Danville residents, the first 6 sessions are free, \$40 a session thereafter.

Financial assistance is available.

Email Gia @ giab@discoveryctr.net or phone 925-837-0505 ext. 307



Wednesday Evenings 5:00-6:30pm

Discovery Counseling
Center
115A Town and Country Dr
Danville CA

Facilitated by:
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You are warmly invited to join us for a gathering of people co-creating a space where grief is welcomed and can move through, making room for profound compassion as it does.

Please come-as-you-are, with no pressure as to how you express grief or not. Grief does not show up on demand. You may weep, you may be a quiet witness to others, you may be numb, you may be full of outrage, you may be surprised.

However you come, your presence is valued and will be met with respect and never with unsolicited advice. All that is required is your humanity and your willingness to be present and to bear witness with compassion. You are welcome just as you are.

Our time together will include:

Authentic conversation and compassionate listening

Poetry

Grounding and somatic meditation practices.

A weekly discussion and exploration topic

Short writing prompts with invitation to share if desired

Resources to engage with grief outside of group between sessions

'The Wild Edge of Sorrow' by
Francis Weller:
Highly recommended as a
companion to this group work,
not a requirement

We will be walking through the landscape of grief with the vision and offerings of Francis Weller

THE TRUTH IS THAT NONE OF US ESCAPE LIVING IN THIS WORLD WITHOUT EXPERIENCING GRIEF.

CREATING SPACES TO GRIEVE IN A CULTURE THAT IS LARGELY DEVOID OF PUBLIC GRIEVING IS NECESSARY IF WE ARE TO HEAL AND TRULY KNOW OUR CAPACITY TO LOVE WITHIN THE REALITY OF LOSS.

ONE OF THE MOST COMMONLY
REPORTED FEELINGS OF THOSE
GRIEVING IS A FEELING OF
LONELINESS. FEELING SUCH AN
IMMENSE WEIGHT OF SADNESS HAS
AN ISOLATING EFFECT ON
INDIVIDUALS.

WHEN WE PROCESS OUR GRIEF, WE OFTEN BECOME HEALTHIER AND MORE RESILIENT VERSIONS OF OURSELVES.

FINDING A COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT YOU IN THIS WORK IS ESSENTIAL TO CULTIVATING THE CAPACITY TO KEEP OUR HEARTS OPEN AND PERMEABLE TO BEAUTY AND RESILIENT TO DESPAIR.

THROUGH GRIEF WE ARE ALL ON COMMON GROUND AND CAN ENGAGE WITH THE UNIVERSALITY OF OUR HUMAN EXPERIENCE.