

THE HOPE GARDEN



HOPE LOVES COMPANY

OUR ACTIVITIES



by Jodi O'Donnell-Ames

I started Hope Loves Company (HLC) after losing my husband Kevin (who was the father of our beautiful daughter Alina) – to Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). This devastating disease robs its victims of their ability to walk, talk, and ultimately feed themselves or even breathe. When my husband was diagnosed, I found there was no support for children of ALS families. This was upsetting because MOST patients have children! I decided I wanted to help other families learn to cope, and to find love and hope in the face of this heart-wrenching challenge. In 2003, I married Warren Ames and became a mother to Nora and Adam, who lost their biological mother Tina Singer Ames to ALS in 2000.

Hope Loves Company is the only non-profit organization providing emotional and educational support to the children of ALS patients. Our activities include:

- **HLC Kids Camp** – an annual weekend camp for children and young adults (8-21). This much-needed getaway is free for participants, and offers them an opportunity to enjoy a traditional camp experience, as well as special group counseling and other healing activities such as art therapy and yoga.
- **HLC Kids Connect** – a safe, moderated online community for the children of ALS patients to talk and support each other. Participants can meet new friends and learn healthy ways to cope and feel less alone as they and their families are challenged by ALS.
- **Free Resources for ALS Families** – HLC provides the children's book "What Did You Learn Today?" – written by Tina Singer Ames – who lived with ALS. It's free to any ALS family. This beautifully written and illustrated book gently introduces children to the effects of ALS on someone they love, and provides a message of hope.

HOW YOU CAN HELP - Build a Hope Garden

Hope Loves Company is teaming with ArtWare, an art-based fundraising company to create "Hope Garden," a permanent installation of children's artwork on ceramic tiles. The Hope Garden tile mural will create a lasting legacy of hope and brighten the halls of the ALS Foundation in Philadelphia. The proceeds from the Hope Garden tiles will fund HLC's programs, and help provide resources, counseling, and a much-needed camp experience for the children of ALS families.

The mural will have an overall sunflower theme. The sunflower is on each page of the children's book "What Did You Learn Today?" one of HLC's primary resources for ALS families.

We invite you to become part of our Hope Garden by sharing your own art on a tile, which will become part of the mural, and/or by sponsoring art from an ALS family member.

Please see the attached to learn how you can become a SEEDLING, BUD, or BLOSSOM supporting member.

ArtWare develops personalized art programs and fair-trade product fundraising for schools, non-profit organizations, and corporate and private community service programs.

Visit www.artwarefundraising.com for more info.



ORDER FORM

Please neatly fill in the necessary information.

SEEDLING – \$25

• Design a tile of your own, OR
sponsor art from a child of an
ALS family.

BUD – \$40,

• Design a tile of your own, OR
sponsor art from a child of an
ALS family.
• Donation of the book,
“What Did You Learn Today?”
to an ALS family.

BLOSSOM – \$80

• Design a tile of your own, OR
sponsor art from a child of an
ALS family.
• Donation of the book,
“What Did You Learn Today?”
to an ALS family.
• Contribute to helping a child of an ALS
family attend a weekend at HLC Kids Camp.

For an additional donation of **\$150**, you have the opportunity to
sponsor the entire cost for one child to attend HLC Kids Camp.

Please Circle One: SEEDLING BUD BLOSSOM

Please Circle One: Art Included Sponsor Child's Art

If you would like to make an additional donation, please specify the amount here: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Check #: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

IMPORTANT INFO

CHECKS ARE MADE PAYABLE TO:
“HOPE LOVES COMPANY”

Please mail your art with this order form. Make
sure you include your name on the back of the art
in pencil! Please **DO NOT FOLD ART**.

Mail to:
ArtWare
P.O. Box 43142
Montclair, NJ 07043

**Any questions, contact Diana Polack at
(973)509-7736 or (800)609-8337**

ART GUIDELINES & INSTRUCTIONS

- We encourage you to reflect our Hope Garden theme in your artwork and images. Sunflowers, gardens and messages of hope are ideal.
- Use square paper no larger than 9" x 9" when creating your art.
- Markers, oil pastels, paint and flat paper collage are preferred. Bright and bold colors are desirable.
- **DO NOT** use day-glo and fluorescent colors, glitter or dimensional art.
- Please write in pencil the artists name on the back of the art.
- Please note that we cannot improve the quality of the originals submitted.