

# 2020 Impact by the Numbers

## MISSION:

Creating a community of acceptance and understanding regarding children in grief so that no child grieves alone.



**658**  
Children  
Served



**405**  
Adults  
Served



**325**  
Families  
Served



**35**  
Young  
Adults Served



**125** total **Volunteers** giving  
**6,688 hours** of time to the mission.



**Largest Age Group**  
Served:  
**Middles 38%**  
(ages 8-12)



**Community**  
**Grief Education**  
Workshops  
**31**



Grief Education  
**Workshop**  
Attendees  
**868**  
Educators &  
Professionals

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2020  
**Community**  
**Impact Report**



## A Message to Our Community

Thank you for being a loyal partner in providing much-needed support for grieving children and families in Southern Arizona.

The world suddenly became unfamiliar last March as our community started shutting down in response to the pandemic. Tu Nidito staff held onto hope, and sought new ways to continue supporting families already impacted by grief and illness, as well as those who would be impacted by a loved one's death due to Covid-19. We quickly launched virtual programs using Zoom including support groups, and one-on-one meetings. Grief Education workshops for schools and community agencies were adapted and expanded to address the grief children are experiencing as a result of the pandemic.

Tu Nidito's Grief Intervention program supported 26 Southern Arizona schools and organizations grieving the death of a member of their community, an increase of 200% over the previous year. Using Tu Nidito's blog and social media, we found connection with our community at large through virtual read-alouds and a Words of Support video series featuring Tu Nidito Support Specialists. Our volunteers continued serving as the backbone of our programs, responding and adjusting beautifully to delivering virtual curriculum. The generosity of our donors is nothing less than inspiring and made this sudden transition to remote programming possible. Together our collective efforts provided **comfort, hope and support for 658 grieving children and their families.**

Your generous and ongoing support truly makes this possible. Thank you for the impact you are making on the lives of children, teens, young adults, and their families who are grieving.

*Liz McCusker*

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Executive Director

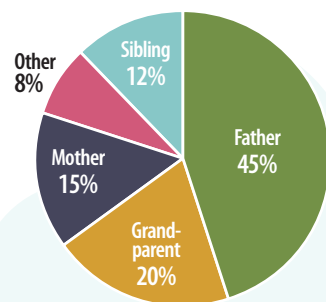
"Grief feels like a gushing wound that can be triggered at any time. Tu Nidito is like a secure bandage, bringing comfort and slowing the bleed."  
-Tu Nidito Family Member

"The open safe setting to feel understood is priceless for our family."  
-Tu Nidito Caregiver

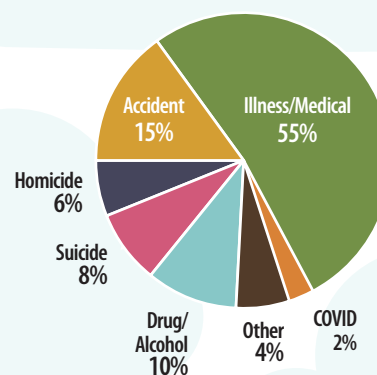
Serious illness and death, especially when faced by a child, are uncomfortable topics. But equal to the difficulty of discussing these topics is the absolute need to address them. Unresolved childhood grief can lead to serious side effects and long-term complications. Tu Nidito's programs help grieving children improve their communication and coping skills, discover hope for the future, and understand that grief is a normal response to death and illness, and with the proper tools and support system they are empowered to navigate their grief now and in the future.

Through bereavement support groups, Tu Nidito served **422 children, their families, and young adults grieving a loved one.**

### Person Who Died

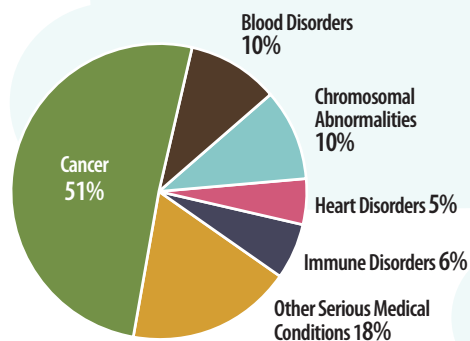


### Cause of Death

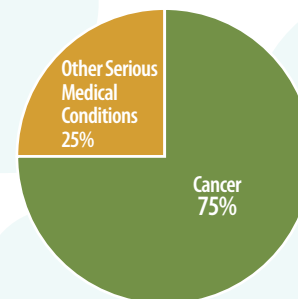


Tu Nidito provided individualized and group support programming for **250 children and their families grieving the diagnosis of a serious medical condition.**

### Child's Diagnosis



### Parent's Diagnosis



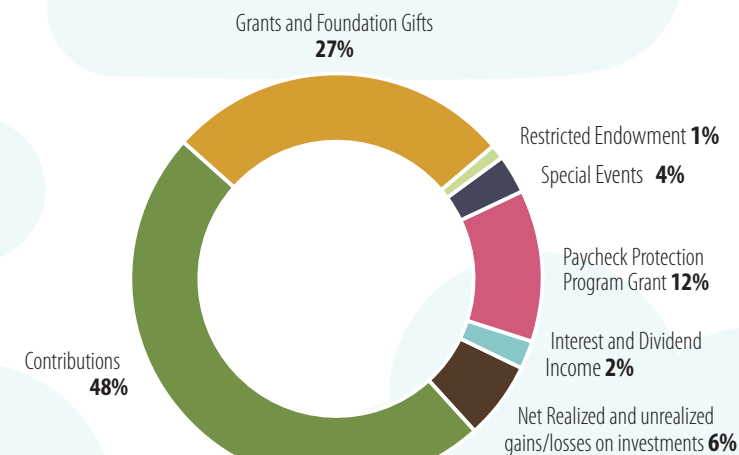
## Financials

Thank you to Tu Nidito's community partners for your unwavering support!

94% of every dollar donated supports Tu Nidito's programs

### 2020 Revenue

Total: \$974,119



\*Event totals and total revenue are net of direct costs. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Tu Nidito did not hold its annual gala, The Remarkable Celebration.

### 2020 Expenses

Total: \$845,314

