

WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE NEWSLETTER -SEPTEMBER 2025

Serving Tarrant County and Surrounding Areas

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's almost time for another Donate2Impact donation time. This fundraiser begins September 8th thru the 21st of September 2025.

This is a great opportunity for members to clear out things we are not using anymore, and a great way to help WPS.

You may drop off at Impact location at 6020 South Cooper St. , Arlington or call them at 972-619-7800 to see if they pick up in your area. Their hours are Monday-Saturday 9 am until 7 pm and Sunday 10 am until 6 pm. ALWAYS MAKE SURE YOU TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH WPS, so we get credit for your items.

Donate2Impact pays WPS 9 cents a pound and for the two times we have donated this year we have received \$1071.99, which is great.

I'm concerned that only about 1/3 of our members have returned their drawing tickets and money and very few are selling extra tickets to friends and family. This is our biggest fundraiser, so please help keep our organization going. This is what keeps your newsletter coming monthly, and grief support sessions remaining free, and the office open. **NO ONE IS PAID**, we are all volunteers. So please turn in your tickets and money to make this our best year ever.

"Don't forget North Texas Giving Day on September 18 this year. This is another opportunity for you to support the organization. Please see the flyer on page 8 for details."

Phyllis Weisheit, WPS President



OUTREACH GRIEF SUPPORT

Good morning, Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the onset of Fall and the beginning of cooler weather. The following is a reprint from Grief Watch.

Grief is the process you go through as you adjust to the loss of anything or anyone important in your life. The loss of a job, a move, divorce, death of someone you love, or a change in health status are just a few of the situations that can cause grief. Grief is both physically and emotionally exhausting. It is also irrational and unpredictable and can shake your very foundation.

The amount of 'work' your grief requires will depend on your life experiences, the type of loss, and whatever else you have on your plate at that time. A sudden, unexpected loss is usually more traumatic, more disruptive and requires more time to adjust to. If your loss occurred through violence, expect that all the normal grief reactions will be exaggerated. You may lose trust in your own ability to make decisions and/or to trust others. Assumptions about fairness, life order, and religious beliefs are often challenged. Smells can bring back memories of a loss and a fresh wave of grief. Seasons, with their colors and climate, can also take you back to that moment in time when your world stood still. You may sense you have no control in your life. Being at work may provide a relief from your grief, but as soon as you get in the car and start driving home you may find your grief come flooding back. You may find that you are incapable of functioning in the work environment for a short while. Because grief is distracting it also means you are more accident-prone.

The object of grieving is not to get over the loss or recover from the loss but to get through the loss. Over the years you will look back and discover that this grief keeps teaching you new things about life. Your understanding of life will just keep going deeper.

We have two more five-week series this year, so, give us a try. In our classes, if you want to see with your own eyes, you are not alone, you just need to turn your head and look beside you. Hugs!!

Ruth Turner, Outreach Chairman &
Certified Grief Support Facilitator

Current Grief Session: Aug. 17, 24; Sep 7, 14, 21, at Lucas Funeral Home. **NEXT Grief Session:** SEP 28; OCT 5, 12, 19, 26: Pleasantview Baptist Church, Meryl Kloster. Refer to Page 3 for details on this and all the other Grief Support sessions for this year.

NOTICE: The next Board Meeting will be held at the WPS office on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at 10:30 AM.

WAYS & MEANS

Dance Fundraisers: Debbie Smith and Eula Plummer will host a WPS Dance on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at the Arlington Elks Lodge (flyer pg 5).

Ruth Turner and Ann Barnes will host the WPS DJ Dance on September 26, 2025, at the Burleson Senior Center (flyer pg 5).

WPS Travel Fundraiser: First Travel of Burleson has set up a WPS Caribbean Cruise Oct 25 to Nov 1, 2025. There are still openings for this Cruise. There is now a reserved bus to Galveston for the Cruise for an additional, \$140 per person round trip. If you signed up for this cruise, please pay now. Presently there are still 10 seats available on the bus.

Donate2Impact Fundraiser: WPS next donation period is this month, September 8 to 21, 2025 (flyer pg 7).

October Drawing Fundraiser: All WPS members were mailed 5 drawing tickets with their June newsletter. In addition to the prizes listed on the drawing ticket, donated prizes will also be awarded. Members attending the October General Meeting October 16, 2025, can also win a door prize. If you have an item or gift card that you were given and do not have a need for, please give it to WPS to be awarded at the drawing. If you need additional tickets, please check with one of your WPS Board Members or call the office.

2026 WPS Directory Fundraiser: The 2026 WPS Directory Input sheets have been updated and Posted on the WPS website. Please solicit ads for the Directory. Ad and Member input forms along with an Ad cover letter are available on the WPS website, <https://www.wpstc.org/> under fundraisers/ annual printed directory. Having your name added to the 2026 WPS Directory allows you to keep in touch with other WPS members especially if you lost contact with a close WPS friend (flyer pg 7).

North Texas Giving Day Fundraiser: See the flyer included with this Newsletter for details. This is a convenient way to donate to WPS (flyer pg 6).

Fundraisers: All the listed items above plus Donations / Memorials provide funds that allow the WPS to pay our bills. Please consider a Donation or Memorial especially if you are not able to participate in one of our fundraisers.

Ron Zembek, Ways and Means Chairman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lynn Day
Daniel Sepulveda
Jan Bumgarner
Suzanne Rodriguez
Sandra Gonzales
Bill Johnson
Beckie Balsai
Teresa Eurto

Fran Martin
Darlene Stark
Barbara Jean Wilson
Landa Orrick
Robin Smith
Bobby Henson
Julianne Tipton-Cochran
Leslie Restoff

MEMORIALS

Name

Suzy Flynn
Gary Frye

In Memory of

Jack Flynn
Marilyn Frye

DONORS

Tom Myler
Linda Stanisci

ILLNESSES

Carol Bryan
Dennis Webb
Susan Tyner
Louise Bodiford
Dean Aldrich

DEATHS (as reported to the office)

Judy Tesar
Bess Kessler

Bill Stoner
Arnold Treadway

STILL WORKING?

For members still working, WPS offers a Facebook group and occasional Saturday brunches. Contact Robin Parr at rparr822@sbcglobal.net.



WPS GRIEF SUPPORT SCHEDULE 2025 2:30 to 4:30 PM **SUNDAYS EXCEPT FOR NIGHT CLASSES**

NOTE: Any changes to this schedule will be announced in both the newsletter and on our Facebook page, so check each month for any changes. For any other information on Grief Support, call the WPS office 817-551-2922 Mon-Fri 10AM-2PM, or Ruth Turner 817-713-9372. If no answer at either number, please leave a voicemail, and your call will be returned as soon as possible. ***This year there are two Grief Support sessions scheduled at the same time, one in Mansfield and one in Hurst.**

JAN 12, 19, 26; FEB 2, 9: Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington. Facilitator: **Merryl Kloster.**

FEB 16, 23; MAR 2, 9 (note Daylight Saving Time change), 16: First Baptist Church Burleson, 317 W Ellison St, Burleson (park behind church). Facilitator: **Ruth Turner.**

MAR 23, 30; APR 6, 13, (SKIP 20), 27 : Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington. Facilitator: **Marcia Devoll.**

***NEW* APR 30; MAY 7, 14, 21, 28 NIGHT CLASSES:** WEDNESDAYS, 6-8PM, St Barnabas United Methodist Church, 5011 W Pleasant Ridge Rd, Arlington. Facilitator: **Marcia Devoll.**

***JUN 1, 8, 15, 22, 29:** St John Lutheran Church, 1218 Debbie Ln, Mansfield (in Youth Bldg at back of church - park in back). Facilitator: **Phyllis Weisheit.**

***JUN 1, 8, 15, 22, 29:** Lucas Funeral Home, 1321 Precinct Line Rd, Hurst. Facilitator: **Sharon Ellershaw.**

JUL 13, 20 27; AUG 3, 10: Trinity Episcopal Church, 3401 Belaire Dr S, Fort Worth. Facilitator: **Ruth Turner.**

AUG 17, 24, (SKIP 31); SEP 7, 14, 21: Lucas Funeral Home, 1321 Precinct Line Rd, Hurst. Facilitator: **Sharon Ellershaw.**

SEP 28; OCT 5, 12, 19, 26: Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington. Facilitator: **Merryl Kloster.**

HOLIDAY GRIEF SUPPORT: NOV 2, 2:30 - 4:30 PM (note Daylight Saving Time change). St. Barnabas United Methodist Church, 5011 W Pleasant Ridge Rd, Arlington.

CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE: NOV 9, 3:00 PM. St. John Lutheran Church, 1218 E Debbie Ln, Mansfield.

Substitute Facilitator: **Arlyne Clements.**

DONATION OPTIONS for **MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS**

1. **Cash or check to WPS office.** Use the form below.
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer.** Transfer to Routing # 311981614 and Account # 0008196110.
3. **Credit Card.** Access our website at wpstc.org and choose "Donations." Click on "use a credit card online" near the middle of the page and follow the instructions.
4. **Kroger Community Rewards Program.** Call 866-221-4141 or register online at kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/ with your Kroger Plus Card number or alternate ID (your phone number). Enter Organization #IA786 (Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County). To re-enroll (if "WPSTC" is not at bottom of receipt) use same procedure.
5. **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).** Contact your financial institution for details.
6. **Leave a Legacy.** Consider including WPS in your estate planning. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will enable WPS to continue helping other widowed persons into the future.

BUSINESS PARTNERS

Blink Designwear
Donate 2 Impact
First Travel of Burleson
Hoopla Magazine
Kroger Markets
Mastercraft Printed Products & Services
Spring Creek Barbeque

EVENT VENUE PARTNERS

Arlington Elks Lodge #2114
Burleson Senior Center
First Baptist Church, Burleson
First Methodist Church, Mansfield (games)
Lucas Funeral Home, Hurst
Pleasantview Baptist Church, Arlington
St. Barnabas United Methodist Church, Arlington
St John Lutheran Church, Mansfield
Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth

CASH OR CHECK DONATION

To mail a Donation or Memorial to WPS, please provide the information below and mail to:

Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County, 2906 SE Loop 820, Suite A, Fort Worth, TX 76140-1030

Amount of Donation/Memorial: \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

If a Memorial gift, this is In Memory of (name) _____

Specify where to send Donation/Memorial acknowledgement:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

RECURRING EVENTS

ARLINGTON

BREAKFAST: Every Saturday 8:00 AM, Skillet & Grill, 1801 W Division St, Arlington. **Contact Suzy Flynn**, 817-483-5518.

LUNCH: SEP 11 @ 11:45am, Jay Jay Cafe 1001 S Bowen Rd, Arlington. **Contact Rita Sanders** 817-907-7878, if you plan to attend

DINNER: SEP 22 @ 4pm, Cotton Patch 461 E Interstate 20, Arlington. **Contact Donna Adams** if you plan to attend 817-609-2726.

BURLESON

BREAKFAST: Every Tuesday 8:30 AM, Our Place Restaurant, 950 N Burleson Blvd (I-35 service road), Burleson. **Contact Diane Bowman**, 817-996-2337.

LUNCH: SEP 18 @ 11:30 am, Boo Ray 's 316 E Main St. Crowley. **Contact Ann Barnes** 817-774-6073.

DINNER: SEP 25 @ 4pm, Twin Peaks 12750 S Fwy, Burleson. **Contact Diana Stenberg** 817-925-1006, if you plan to attend.

GRAND PRAIRIE

BRUNCH: Every Wednesday, 10:30 AM, Theo's Bar & Grill, 107 NW 8th St, Grand Prairie. **Contact Debbie Smith**, 469-684-9982.

MANSFIELD

BREAKFAST: Every Saturday, 8:30 AM, The Porch, 2771 E Broad St, Mansfield (across from Methodist Hospital). **Contact Arlyne Clements**, 817-366-0430.

LUNCH: SEP 5, @ noon, Chili's 1751 U.S.287 Frontage Rd. Mansfield. **Contact Judy Baker** 817-320-382 .

DINNER: SEP 18 @ 4pm, IHOP 1951 U.S. 287 Frontage Rd. Mansfield. **Contact Mary Cobb** 817-473-3619.

GAMES: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 1:30 - 4:00 PM:, First Methodist Church, Mansfield, 777 N Walnut Creek Dr, Mansfield. **Contact Jane Morton**, 972-977-7899.

NORTHEAST

BREAKFAST: Every Saturday, 9:00 AM, The Corner Café, 7901 Mid Cities Blvd, Ste 242, N Richland Hills. **Contact Sharon Wallace**, 817-226-5095.

LUNCH: SEP 10 @ 1pm, BJ's 952 NE Loop 820, Hurst. **Contact Ann Marie Harmon** 817-320-0240.

DINNER: SEP 16 @ 5pm, Gloria's Latin Cuisine 5611 Colleyville Blvd Suite 300, Colleyville. **Contact Chuck Kraut** 817-229-5194.

SOUTHWEST

BREAKFAST: Every Thursday, 9:00 AM, Cracker Barrel, 8010 SW Loop 820 (exit Winscott Rd), Benbrook. **Contact Carol Stacy**, 817-360-8066.

LUNCH: SEP 2 @ 11:30am, Westside Cafe 7950 Camp Bowie W Blvd, Ft Worth. **Contact Ski Lieske** 817-789-3778, if you plan to attend.

DINNER: Sep 16 @ 4pm, Olive Garden 4700 SW Loop 820(across from Hulen Mall) Ft Worth. **Contact Joe Harris** 817-929-8658, if you plan to attend

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday Aug 22 @ 6:30: DJ Dance, Burleson Senior Center. **See attached Flyer.**

Wednesday, Sept 10 @ 6:30: Dance, Arlington Elks Lodge. **See attached Flyer.**

Friday, Sept 26 @ 6:30: DJ Dance, Burleson Senior Center. **See attached Flyer.**

Sponsored by

Widowed Persons Service

Come Dance/Listen to Country & Western

Songs from the Past and Present

With

Travis Moncrief as Disc Jockey

Friday, August 22 & September 26, 2025

6:30 to 9:00 PM

Admission: Donations Only

Snacks provided at the break.

Bring Your Family & Friends

Open to the Public

Burleson Senior Center

216 SW Johnson Ave, Burleson, TX



Information: Ann (817)774-6073

Sponsored by Widowed Persons Service



KICK UP YOUR HEELS TO GOOD COUNTRY MUSIC

LINDER & BROCK COW POP BAND

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 FROM 6:30 TO 9:00PM

\$10.00 PERSON AT DOOR

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

IT'S OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Arlington ELK'S Lodge

601 W. Pioneer Pkwy, Arlington, TX 76010

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Serving Food 5:30 to 6:30 PM at \$8.00 a Person

Hamburgers or Chicken Sandwiches, Potato Salad,

Baked Beans & Deserts

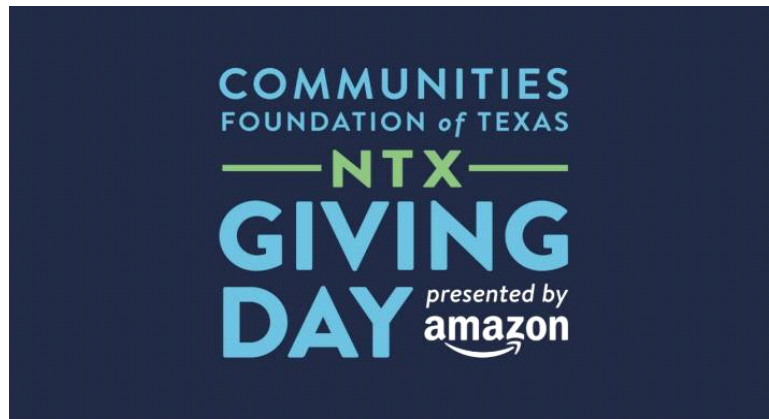
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Proceeds from Food go to ELKS National Foundation

Call: Debbie 469-684-9982 or Eula 214-668-7999

*****Reservations are appreciated to ensure enough food******

******Drawings Door Prizes & More ******



WHAT IS NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY 2025?

North Texas Giving Day 2025 is sponsored by the Communities Foundation of Texas. For the 17th year, CFT is bringing together over 3,200 local non-profits like WPS for an area-wide one-day event as one means of raising annual operating funds. WPS has been participating in the North Texas Giving Day for several years. Last year we received approximately \$600 in needed funds. We invite you to help us reach our goal of \$1,250 this year. A donation of any amount is appreciated. Your gift counts!

All members are encouraged to donate. Additionally, explain our mission to your friends and family members and encourage them to donate, also. If you are still employed, and if your employer does gift matching to charitable organizations, it is an easy way to double your contribution.

HOW DO I DONATE?

It's easy! On Thursday, September 18, between 6:00 AM and Midnight:

1. You **must** use a **credit card** or **debit card** to donate. Donations **must** be made **online only**.
2. Using your computer or smartphone, go to www.northtexasgivingday.org.
3. At the top, in the Search window, enter "Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County" and click the magnifying glass icon, then click on the Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County icon box. Choose "Donate" and follow the instructions.
4. We prefer that you use your own name so that we will be able to recognize you as a donor. However, if you prefer that your donation remain completely anonymous, you may choose that option, also.
5. To complete the checkout process, choose "Pay \$xxx.xx." (You do not have to give the suggested 12% "tip" to Communities Foundation of Texas. Choose "Custom" on the pull-down menu and enter 0.00.)
6. Although NTX Giving Day is officially a one-day event, **you may donate at any time** from midnight August 28 until midnight September 17. Your card will not be charged until September 18.
7. You will receive an email confirmation of your donation and a printable receipt.

NEED MORE INFORMATION? Contact Mike Grissom, Coordinator, at (214) 284-3415



Get Rid of those clothes that don't fit you anymore or extra household items you don't need, and WPS will receive a donation.

Donate 2 Impact is a non-profit organization that accepts items for resale and reimburses other charitable organizations for them at a rate of \$0.09 per pound. WPS has signed up with this organization, and they have given us the **donation period of September 8 - 21, 2025.**

Items may be dropped off at the following location: **6020 S. Cooper St. Arlington.** Their hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. **Donations must be made during the WPS Donation period for WPS to receive credit.**

When you drop off your items make sure you tell them that your organization is **Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County (WPS).**

You also have the option to have them pick up your items. You must schedule the pickup between **September 8 - 21, 2025**, and you must have the items outside your house for pickup. Call (972) 619-7880 to schedule a pickup. When you schedule a pickup, they will give you a date that they will pick up. They can schedule up to 2 weeks after the WPS donation period. Again, make sure you tell them that your organization is **Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County (WPS).** They also request that items be separated as much as possible. ie clothing, shoes, appliances and that breakable items be protected with packing.

Below is a list of items that they Accept:

Clothing (all types and sizes), Shoes, Purses/Backpacks, Jewelry & Accessories, Linens/blankets, Household items, Bath and Kitchen items, Books, Toys, Electronics, Small Appliances, and Small Home Décor.

Below is a list of items NOT Accepted:

Any used Medical Supplies, Anything Toxic or Flammable, Blinds, Building Materials (bricks, lumber, fence posts, tile, etc.), Cabinetry, Chemicals/Oils/Paints, Countertops, Doors, Food (animal or human), Hospital Beds/Adjustable Beds, Hot Tubs, Large Appliances, Large Exercise Equipment – Heavy Dumbbells, Light Fixtures, Magazines, Mattresses/ Box Springs, Newspapers, Office furniture, Cubicles, Desks, File Cabinets, Pipes, Scrap Fabric, Sheet Rock, Sinks, Soiled/Torn/Damaged/Stained Furniture, Swing Sets, Tires, Toilets, Trash, Tube TVs, CRT and Projection TVs, Unframed Mirrors, Unprotected Glasses, Used AC/Heating Units, Water Beds, Water Heaters, Weapons/Guns, Swords/Knives, Wet/Rusty/Broken Items of any kind, Windows.



-----PUT ME and PUT MY AD IN THE WPS DIRECTORY Combined Form-----

The Ways and Means Committee on behalf of WPS is publishing a **Directory for year 2026** with the following conditions:

1. You will be listed in the Directory **ONLY** if you send in this signed form as your permission.
2. The cost is \$10.00 for each copy. A copy of the Directory will be delivered to you.
3. Commercial advertisement in the Directory is desired and encouraged. **Enclose a business card or other form for half-page ad, 4"x8" (\$40) or full-page ad, 5"x8" (\$60). (Remember: Member listing is additional \$10).**
4. The full Directory will be available to WPS members only. Advertisers will receive only a book of advertisements.

If you wish to be included, please enter the appropriate information below, send this Form and \$10.00 (for individuals) or \$40.00 or \$60.00 (for advertisement) to the WPS Office by December 1, 2025.

REQUIRED INFORMATION (your listing will not be accepted without this information & signature); PLEASE PRINT

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Nickname _____

CHECK ONLY IF ENTRY IS TO STAY THE SAME AS LAST YEAR ☐ **← Please include Phone #**

Primary Phone: (H, C) _____ Please circle H or C Month/Day of Birth: _____

Secondary Phone (C) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Do you want your address to appear in the directory? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ If neither are circled, Yes is assumed

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: PLEASE PRINT

Email Address: _____

Interests: (Limited to ten (10) words) WPS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EDIT

I hereby give my permission to WPS, and request that WPS publish the above information in the Directory, which will be made available to WPS members only. By signing below, I am acknowledging that I agree I am acquiring this Directory for my personal use and will not make it available to anyone not a member of WPS, nor will I reproduce or permit anyone to reproduce my copy of the Directory.

Printed Name: _____

(Signature) **← Required**

The number of Directories printed will correspond with the response received from this announcement. If you wish to be included in the Directory, **PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO 'WPS', MAIL TO: WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE, ATTN: WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, 2906 SE LOOP 820, SUITE A, FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76140-1030.**

-----Below Information for AD Only-----

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2. The Directory will be available to WPS members only, advertisers will receive a bound listing of all adds placed in the Directory.

Attach the business card or other type ad to this form or check the box: Use Same as Last Year ☐

If you have an ad on electronic media, you may e-mail it to the Ways and Means Chairman at

RIZEMBEK@SBCGLOBAL.NET

And send along with Check # _____ and Amount \$ _____ to WPS

Must be in WPS Office by December 1, 2025

Contact _____ (Optional)



*Widowed Persons Service
of Tarrant County*

2906 S E Loop 820
Suite A
Fort Worth, Texas 76140-1030

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
FORT WORTH, TX
PERMIT NO. 2389

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL: PLEASE DELIVER BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

**OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS
WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE OF TARRANT COUNTY
YEAR 2025**

OFFICERS

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WPS PURPOSE : To aid bereaved men and women of all ages regardless of race, creed, and/or economic status, to adjust more effectively to the loss of a spouse through death and to build a new life.