

# Support for the Whole Person

Grief affects our whole being and is experienced in many areas of life. Listed below you will find suggestions to help support you mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.



#### Mental

- Learn new skills
- Read books
- Discuss ideas
- Keep up with current events
- Plan for your future
- Evaluate choices and make decisions
- Work puzzles
- Take classes



# **Spiritual**

- Pray or meditate
- Find or maintain spiritual companionship or community
- Attend spiritual services
- Read sacred/inspirational writings
- Become aware of how life events affect your thoughts and feelings about your spirituality
- Express your faith or lack of faith with another



- Express feelings
- Plan social events
- Spend time with others
- Laugh
- Cry
- Express anger
- Care about another person
- Feel cared for by another
- Have meaningful activity
- Feel appreciated



# **Practical**

- Finish legal matters
- Handle mail
- Pay bills
- Maintain home and car
- Make decisions about whether to move or not
- Arrange or rearrange furniture
- Go through belongings
- Handle finances
- Do laundry
- Grocery shop
- Clean house
- Do yard work



# Physical

- Exercise
- Eat healthy
- Get fresh air
- Experience physical touch
- Get enough rest
- Take time in nature
- Participate in recreational sports
- Seek regular health care
- Maintain a pleasant home or work environment
- Garden
- Take a vacation



# Creative

- Write or journal
- Paint or draw
- Participate in hobbies, arts and crafts, or photography
- Dance
- Listen to music
- Imagine
- Read
- Cook or bake
- Attend movies, theater, ballet, or the symphony
- Redecorate