



mending hearts CAMP

Orpheum Theatre Group seeks to hire counseling support staff for its 2024 Mending Hearts Program.

Mending Hearts is a performing arts summer day camp for young people who have experienced the death of one or both parents.

Surrounded by a community of peers who have experienced a similar loss, campers explore their creativity through a variety of performing arts and community building activities.

Orpheum trained teaching artists, supported by healing counselors, facilitate activities that encourage community and collaboration while celebrating the unique talents of each individual camper, giving them creative space to express themselves, build self-confidence, and develop friendships that let them see they are not alone.

As part of the healing journey of the program, campers will practice a variety of coping skills, and have opportunities to process difficult emotions in one on one counseling sessions with professional healing counselors during camp. Through sharing time with adults who have experienced losing a parent as a child, participants see that there is hope for their future. Following the sharing time experience, campers also have the opportunity to reflect in small groups with healing counselors.

With a counseling team led by Lead Healing Counselor, **Dr. Mekel Harris**, the Orpheum seeks additional healing counselors to join the team. Licensed counselors, pre-licensed counselors, undergraduate-level students with previous counseling experience, graduate-level students looking for additional counseling experience who are passionate about working with grieving youth and/or have experience in arts related therapeutic counseling and strategies are encouraged to apply.

Dates and Times of opportunity (subject to change) are as follows:

July 1-5: Training, Exact Times TBD *Will not be called on July 4th

Monday July 8th 8:30am-11:00

Tuesday July 9th 1-3:30pm

Thursday July 11th 1-3:30pm

Tuesday July 16th 1-3:30pm

Thursday July 18th 1-4pm

Optional invite to share on Friday July 19th

Monday July 22nd 8:30-11:00am

Tuesday July 23rd 1-3:30pm

Thursday July 25th 1-4pm

Friday July 26th 1-3:30pm

Saturday July 27th 3-4pm

Interested candidates should reach out to Dr. Mekel Harris, Lead Healing Counselor, as soon as possible at drmekelharris@gmail.com with the words "Mending Hearts" in the subject and include a complete resume and short letter of interest.

If you have any questions, please email MendingHearts@orpheum-memphis.com. And **please share this opportunity** among potentially interested candidates in the Memphis area.