

We Provide Practical Assistance

The lawn needs mowing. The bathroom faucet is still leaking. The refrigerator is empty. The little things still need doing. Yatooma's Foundation For The Kids understands that while the family's life has changed the process of daily activity must continue. We will not hesitate to cut the lawn, call a plumber, or help with groceries so that a grieving family can instead focus on healing. This kind of everyday assistance is the most practical service that we provide.

We Provide Professional Assistance

Through assistance provided by professionals in finance, counseling, law, career planning, coaching and job placement, we make resources available to families that help them regain stability.

We Provide Personal Assistance

By providing counseling and support that is highly personalized to meet each family's unique set of needs, we help grieving kids and surviving parents make constructive choices and decisions as their lives continue. Our aim is to help each beneficiary make a successful transition from grief and instability to overall stability, independence and success in life.



Norman's Story

Now a proud husband, father of three girls, and an attorney with a private law practice, the organization's founder, Norman A. Yatooma, endured a devastating tragedy on March 11, 1993 when he learned that his father, Manuel S. Yatooma, had been murdered. Norman, at age 20, felt ill-equipped to fill his father's enormous shoes. Sixty-three claims were filed against Norman's father's estate. What little the creditors and litigants didn't take was spent on attorney fees. Before starting law school, Norman settled his first case, filed by members of his own family. It was truly heartbreaking.

And so it went: Rapid was the spiral from financial security to monetary chaos. Overnight his family went from relative wealth to threatened foreclosure, bankruptcy and dependence on social security. Without regular income, the Yatoomas were forced to squeeze out what they could from their school loans and side jobs to help keep food in the kitchen. In addition to wrestling with the trauma of their grief, his family was completely overwhelmed and unprepared to carry on in his father's absence. They desperately needed help.

Unfortunately, when Norman lost his father there was no organization like ours to provide his family with much-needed support. Now, we are able to assist those trying to rebuild their lives after the loss of a parent. Founded in his name and memory, ten years after Manuel S. Yatooma's death, Yatooma's Foundation For The Kids was launched on Father's Day 2003 and has grown to help replace the void left by the loss of one or both parents. This organization is truly unique. Though many wonderful charities help children, no other charity has tailored their assistance to this specific group of children: children who hugged their parents one day and had to bury them the next.

Norman wishes to grow this charity to help thousands and perhaps millions of other children and their families while honoring the legacy of his cherished father. We cannot replace a lost parent. No one can. But we are committed to doing all that we can for these kids.



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In honor and loving memory of Manuel S. Yatooma (1947-1993)

Our Mission

The mission of Yatooma's Foundation For The Kids is to bring tenderness to tragedy and turn tragedy into triumph for the families of kids who have lost a parent by providing practical, professional and personal assistance at each stage of the grieving and recovery process. This Foundation is dedicated in honor and loving memory of Manuel S. Yatooma (1947-1993).



Our History

Yatooma's Foundation For The Kids was launched by Norman A. Yatooma on Father's Day 2003, ten years after his father's death. The Foundation was inspired by memories of the overwhelming grief, financial pressure and insecurity that the Yatooma family suffered as a result of their father's tragic murder. Mr. Yatooma created the Foundation to help children overcome the challenges that they face with the unexpected and heartbreaking loss of a parent.

Who We Are

Yatooma's Foundation For The Kids is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing emotional, educational and financial stability to the families of kids who have suddenly lost one or both parents.

What We Do

Yatooma's Foundation For The Kids helps families of kids who have lost a parent through programs that include grief counseling; needs-based financial assistance that provides help with food, utilities, rent/mortgage payments, transportation and other basic needs; mentorship; educational summer camp experiences for kids; tuition assistance and job placement; family togetherness experiences and much more.

Each family's unique situation is considered and a customized plan for support is developed to ensure that the most vital programs and services are offered.

How You Can Help

Tell Us About A Family In Need

Please contact us at **888.987.KIDS** or email us at info@forthekidsfoundation.org to let us know how we may be able to help a family who has recently suffered the loss of mom or dad.

Become An Annual Supporter

Annual support from caring individuals in our community makes our work possible so we invite you to become a treasured donor to our cause. Visit www.forthekidsfoundation.org to make an online donation today or phone us at **888.987.KIDS** for personal assistance.

Support Our Annual Champions For The Kids VIP Dinner/Auction & Golf Tournament

Sponsor, support and participate in this spectacular two-day event held at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, MI and Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Please contact us at **888.987.KIDS**, visit www.forthekidsfoundation.org or email us at info@forthekidsfoundation.org to learn more about how you can become involved in one of the most celebrated charitable events in Metropolitan Detroit.

Help Us Fundraise

- Host an event to benefit our charity! Ideas include events like a wine tasting, texas hold 'em poker party, auctions, bake sales, casual days at work, dinner and holiday parties with friends, bowling tournaments and walks.
- Use special occasions - like a wedding, holiday or birthday - to invite guests to make a donation to our charity in lieu of favors/gifts.
- Donate your car to Charity Motors (www.charitymotors.org) and designate our charity as the beneficiary.
- Shop Bachrach Somerset Collection (www.bachrach.com), mention Yatooma's Foundation For The Kids and 10% of your purchase benefits our charity.
- Contact us at **888.987.KIDS** to discuss a fundraising idea you may have or to learn more about partnering with us on the options above.

Join A Committee

Serve on a committee where your time, talent and resources can make a positive impact in vital areas of our Foundation including Development/Fundraising, Marketing/Communications, Programs/Services and others. Please contact **888.987.KIDS** to learn more.

Help Us Expand Locally and Nationally

Yatooma's Foundation For The Kids needs your help to offer our services to more kids throughout Michigan and across the United States. Please contact us at **888.987.KIDS** to learn about support and involvement opportunities available for our local and national expansion efforts.

Leave a Legacy

Leave a legacy of your impact on our charity's ability to serve kids who have lost a parent by making a planned gift to Yatooma's Foundation For The Kids.

Your legacy gift can be made through one or a combination of popular giving options including bequests, life insurance, charitable gift annuity, memorial gift, endowment gift and others. We encourage you to leave a legacy with us that helps kids and families we serve now and for years and years to come.

To learn more and to make your legacy gift, contact us at **888.987.KIDS** for personal assistance. If you have included us in your estate planning, thank you, and please contact us so that we may express our appreciation and discuss recognition opportunities available to you.

