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The Drum Brothers added excitement, energy, and magic to our Children's Bereavement Camp, Camp Francis. Grieving children often have difficulty putting words to their feelings... drumming allowed them to express their emotions in a non-threatening way. The bonding that developed during the drum building created a connection amongst staff and children as we worked together toward a common goal. Our drum circles allowed spontaneity in the children as they laughed, danced, and cried together. It was inspiring to be a part of the healing, joy, lightness, and freedom the children experienced. Matthew, Michael, Nathan, and, Lawrence each added a different "spice" to our successful camp recipe. They accompanied our story-telling with their music and quickly became part of our camp staff. The Drum Brothers were incredibly hardworking, masterful teachers...patient and kind. As we planned this camp experience for our campers, the "Brothers" listened, accommodated, and truly demonstrated they understood the philosophy and goals of Camp Francis.

Our adult and teen volunteers now come together to participate in drum circles, and we plan to incorporate drumming in some of our children and teen grief activities.

It's "two thumbs up" for the Drum Brothers!!! They're great!!!!

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