



THE QUACK IS BACK!

KinderMourn's annual Hope Floats Ducks Race is back on Sunday, May 3, 2026, from 2 – 5:30 pm! Join us at the Whitewater Center for a powerful display of community and remembrance.

For 22 years, Hope Floats has brought KinderMourn families together to raise money to help others traveling the same road. This one-of-a-kind Duck Race at the Whitewater Center brings together people of all ages to watch thousands of brave rubber ducks rush through the rapids and share a meaningful afternoon where **HOPE FLOATS** and loved ones are honored. To date, the race has raised more than \$3.6 million.

Each year, hundreds of parents in our community are impacted by the death of a child, and thousands of children learn all too young the devastation of having a loved one die. Every adopted rubber duck allows KinderMourn to continue its mission of providing a sanctuary and a safe haven to bereaved parents, grieving children, and teens who have suffered an unthinkable loss. Only with support from the community can we continue to heal heartaches and provide hope.

DID YOU KNOW?

- It is estimated that 73,000 children die every year in the United States.
- 1 in 11 children will experience the loss of a parent or sibling before the age of 18. For youth up to the age of 25, these numbers more than double.
- Research indicates that bereavement causes significant stress for children. Unaddressed grief and trauma can lead to immediate and long-term social, emotional, and behavioral difficulties.
- In 2025, we surpassed our record with 57,400 ducks adopted. The goal for 2025 is 60,000.
- For 47 years, KinderMourn has provided help, hope, and healing to bereaved parents and grieving children.

GET INVOLVED

- **Sponsor** our Hope Floats Duck Race and join our flock!
- **Adopt** one lucky duck or an entire raft! Every duck adopted directly supports KinderMourn's mission.
- **Create a Duck Race team** or join an existing team to honor a loved one.
- **Volunteer** on race day and help us float HOPE!
- **Sign up** at duckrace.com/charlotte or contact KMDuckRace@kindermourn.org with questions.



Adopt Ducks . . . Float Hope

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