



## THE QUACK IS BACK!

KinderMourn's annual Hope Floats Ducks Race is back on Sunday, April 28, 2024, from 2 – 5:30 pm at the WWC!

For 20 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 \$2.8 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 13 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 2023, more than 50,000 ducks were adopted. The goal for 2024 is 55,000.
- For 45 years, KinderMourn has provided help, hope, and healing to bereaved parents and grieving children.

## GET INVOLVED

- **Sponsor** Hope Floats and join our flock!
- **Adopt** one lucky duck or an entire raft! Start your **own team** or join an existing team!
- **Sign Up Today** at [duckrace.com/charlotte](https://duckrace.com/charlotte) or contact Staci Brown at [staci@kindermourn.org](mailto:staci@kindermourn.org) with questions.



**Adopt Ducks . . . Float Hope**

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