



Suncoast Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program

"Learn from this and help each other." —PS in Timothy McClelland's suicide note

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News Update

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Meeting Reminder

Monday, November 14, 2005, 7 pm
Seminole Community Library
St. Petersburg College Campus
9200 113th St. N., Seminole, FL 99772

This will be our last Suncoast Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program meeting for 2005.

Agenda to Include Goals and Projects for 2006

First Project of the Year

The first project to be discussed will be preparation for the "Day at the Capital." The bill to create a full-time office for suicide prevention will be introduced to the Legislature in January. At the time, I will let everyone know the bill number so you can contact your legislators and encourage them to support the bill.

Governor Bush has already appropriated monies to fund the salary for this position. We know that we have Governor Bush's support for suicide prevention; therefore, we need to get this bill passed in 2006 so he can sign it before his last term is up. There is no guarantee that our next governor will be as strong a supporter as Governor Bush.

Other Projects to Consider

- How can we improve our "Evening of Remembrance" and "Yellow Ribbon Awareness Week" in September?
- Ideas for fundraisers to raise awareness. How about a walk? Concert? Dinners? People who are willing to volunteer? Volunteers with a background in fundraising?
- Brainstorming way to get more suicide prevention awareness classes available to the public.
- Other ideas are welcome for discussion.



If you can't come, please take time to email me at bonnie@SuncoastYR.org with your ideas.

Fundraiser for American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

November 19, 2005, is National Survivors of Suicide Day.

A fundraiser will be held at the 3 Palms Grille, 8203 N. Armenia, Tampa. (813) 933-2401.

See attachment for details.

A Note From Bonnie

I hope to see you at the meeting. If not, I want to take this time to wish you a safe and sane holiday season.

I will be sending out the 2006 schedule as soon as it is confirmed.

Bonnie McClelland

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