

Dear Anne,

In 2016, 165 people in Franklin County—including CeCe—died by suicide. Every suicide leaves behind an average of 135 family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers to navigate the unique grief and trauma that often comes with suicide loss. Last year, nearly 23,000 people in Franklin County joined this community of loss.

CeCe’s parents, Bob and Brenda, share their experience:

We lost our beloved CeCe to suicide on November 7, 2016. She was just 17, and a senior in high school. This was NOT how her life was supposed to end. This was the most horrific day of our lives.

Waiting for the police to investigate and the coroner to take our CeCe’s body from our home was just so surreal. We were horrified, in shock and just really did not know what to do or where to turn. Franklin County LOSS gave us a place to begin.

Denise and Shellie from the LOSS team were at our home before the police left. They were there to talk, and offer support and resources to us. The LOSS team has always been there for us—whether it is for a meal out, or just comfort—with a hug, a phone call or a visit to let us know they are there for our family.

The suicide of a loved one brings a silent suffering. So many people endure it without letting anyone know how, why or what they are suffering from, and our loss continues to plague our friends, families, neighbors and so many others around us.

My youngest daughter and I are attending support groups through LOSS, and this outreach is helping us deal with the days, weeks and months that go by without our CeCe by our side. As we continue to go through our grieving process, each day brings a memory that (good or bad) creates an emotional response that can be all-consuming.

We pray each and every day that through CeCe’s passing we can reach out and offer support to others. LOSS has been an amazing presence for us all during our grieving process. It is hard to imagine where our family would be today without their love and support.

I urge you to consider a donation to Franklin County LOSS, and know that it will be put to good use. They have helped so many families go through their grieving process with dignity, grace and healing. Your donation will allow LOSS to provide love and support to another family during their time of grief, and their healing will honor our CeCe’s memory.

Your donation will help us turn this community of loss into a Community of Hope.

Sincerely,



Denise-Meine Graham
Executive Director



CeCe with her sister Rose at Whetstone High School Band Senior Night

We can’t change what happened, but we can comfort and help those left behind. Your donation will provide care baskets, grief support, referral materials, and other items to help those struggling with a tragic loss.

YES! I want to help a survivor of suicide loss.

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 ☐ Other _____
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