



# Joe's Project *for Surviving Suicide Loss*

Joe's Project is named for Joe Maiorella, a suicide victim.

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Families need help immediately after a suicide. Before the creation of **Joe's Project** there was no organized response in Suffolk County to assist those who have lost family or friends to suicide. Joe's Project was designed to fill this void.

Those who have lost a loved one to suicide can help others who do in the most unique and powerful manner!

Joe's Project provides help for "those left behind" from those who have "walked in their shoes" and are trained to provide this specialized peer support. Joe's project also provides professional counseling, support groups, and education.

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Joe's Project is a new suicide response program offered by the Family Service League with funding provided by the Suffolk County Legislature. The program has five components:

- Outreach to educate first responders and other referral agencies.
- Initial response by trained volunteer survivors of suicide loss to support the newly bereaved.
- Family counseling.
- Support groups for those who have lost loved ones to suicide.
- Community education and counseling: organizations, schools and neighborhoods may request "town meetings" to learn about suicide prevention.

## Help for loved ones *Left Behind* *from those who have Walked in their Shoes*

*Have you experienced the severe traumatic loss of a loved one to suicide?*

*You are not alone.*

Upon request, trained survivors of suicide loss will be deployed to your home or to another location of your choosing to help you walk through the excruciating days and weeks that follow your loss or, if you prefer to wait, a response from a Joe's Project volunteer can occur months after your loss. The support provided by someone who "has been there" and "walked in your shoes" is invaluable. Volunteers will help you or someone you know by listening, sharing their own experiences, and letting you know that you are not alone.

*There is Hope.*

*Surviving suicide loss is possible...* Families who are visited by our volunteers may feel less alone and less isolated and will have help in making painful arrangements and decisions. Trained mental health providers will also work with families and loved ones in their own communities. Crisis counseling and mental health assessments will be provided immediately if needed. Follow-up counseling, support groups and referrals for additional services will also be provided through Joe's Project.

**TO SCHEDULE A VISIT FROM  
A JOE'S PROJECT VOLUNTEER OR IF YOU  
NEED IMMEDIATE HELP CALL**

**1-888-375-2228**

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***IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS  
CONTEMPLATING SUICIDE...***

**CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY**