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Open House for the International Suicide Memorial Wall



NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN) wishes to announce the upcoming Dedication and Open House for the International Suicide Memorial Wall, now located in Nashville. The wall memorializes the lives of hundreds of people who have died by suicide around the world. The wall demonstrates that suicide is a universal tragedy. The photos on the memorial tiles are a poignant reminder that their lives matter to the people who loved them.

Karyl Chastain Beal and her husband Ronnie Beal started the Wall at their home in Columbia. People from all over the world visited it there, finding comfort in knowing that the memory of their loved ones mattered. Now, the Wall has been moved to the TSPN office in Nashville. The dedication and open house will take place on Friday, May 17th at the TSPN Office, located at 446 Metroplex Drive, Suite A-224.

From 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., the names of all people memorialized on the wall will be read out loud before the dedication and open house begin. This continues an annual tradition that began in 2006. The Reading of the Names is a solemn, almost-sacred time to remember them.

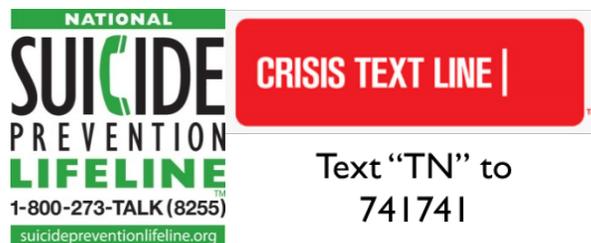
After the Reading of the Names, there will be a brief dedication program. The wall will be dedicated to the memory of people who died by suicide all over the world. It is also dedicated to loved ones left behind. Bob Humphrey from Watford, England will speak briefly about the wall.

After the Dedication, the Open House will begin, giving everyone an opportunity to see the wall. If you plan to attend the event please register at

<https://internationalwallopenhouse2019.eventbrite.com>

TSPN is honored to be the home of this truly moving memorial and grateful for the opportunity to open it to the loved ones of those memorialized. Tennessee is also privileged to have numerous Survivor of Suicide Loss Groups across the state. To find one near you, visit our website at <http://tspn.org/for-survivors-of-suicide>.

If you or a loved one are having thoughts of suicide, please reach out to one of the many crisis resources including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-TALK (8255)), Crisis Text Line (text 'TN' to 741741), or the State Crisis line (1-855-CRISIS-1).



TTY line: 1-800-799-4TTY (4889)

For non-emergency information on suicide prevention, contact the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network at (615) 297-1077 or tspn@tspn.org. More information about TSPN is available at the agency website (www.tspn.org).

TSPN is the statewide public-private organization responsible for implementing the Tennessee Strategy for Suicide Prevention. TSPN and its volunteers work across the state to organize activities & projects promoting suicide prevention awareness, providing suicide prevention & crisis intervention training to community organizations, and conducting postvention sessions for schools & organizations after suicides occur.