



It is hard to believe that we are coming up on a year since the Inaugural *Keep the Spark Alive* Golf Tournament and even harder to believe that we have lived another year without Chad's light and laughter in our lives. Though the pain has been suffocating, the successes have been fulfilling.

Blue Valley School District has implemented Project Happiness and resiliency training at the elementary school level and Signs of Suicide at the middle school and high school levels. As we begin 2019, we are in the midst of deploying an evidence based, peer-led suicide prevention program called "Sources of Strength" and deploying ASIST training to the staff which teaches participants to recognize if someone is contemplating suicide, ask the tough questions and put a plan in place for that person's immediate safety. And, our school districts have committed to work together to eradicate this epidemic. *Keep The Spark Alive Foundation* is making a difference!

In the words of Dr. Tyson Ostroski, *Blue Valley North High School Principal*, "Keep the Spark Alive has taught our school community that through tragedy, we have a moral imperative to take action. The resources, leadership, and guidance that this organization has provided for the Blue Valley District has been instrumental in helping break the stigma of mental illness and suicide prevention. It has been an honor to work alongside the Harrells to eradicate the epidemic of teen suicide and we, as a school community, are indebted to their courageous leadership as KTSA continues to impact countless students for years to come."

We hope that you are able to join us again this year on Monday, May 20, 2019. Your participation will allow us to continue our fight to stop teen suicide and prevent even one more family from experiencing the unspeakable pain that comes with the loss of a child to suicide.

[Last year's event sold out...so don't delay!](#)

You can register online at www.birdease.com/keepthesparkalive

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