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Dear Keith,

Our organization began with a song. I was 14 years old when my father died by suicide and our last words were in anger. For many years I struggled with this loss, battling guilt, shame, anger, depression and my own thoughts of suicide. It was a song called "No Resolve" that I wrote for him years later that allowed me to begin a journey towards healing. Eventually this song ignited a passion within me to raise awareness about suicide in my community because the subject his highly stigmatized and rarely discussed. With the help of my family, friends and colleagues, KnowResolve was formed in 2007 and remains dedicated to raising awareness about suicide and advocating for prevention.

According to the CDC approximately 1 in 7 high school students will seriously consider suicide, and most of them will keep those thoughts a secret. Since our humble beginning in 2007, I have brought a message of awareness and hope to nearly 100,000 teens and young adults through my presentations. At these presentations, students learn about the fundamentals for suicide prevention: risk factors, facts, myths, warning signs, how to handle a crisis, tips for coping with distress, and most importantly the message that you are NOT alone, that thoughts of suicide should NEVER be kept a secret, and that it's okay (and necessary) to ask for help when you are struggling.

I believe that your film "Death is NOT the answer" has the potential to educate thousands of people about the facts and myths that surround suicide, to bring a message of hope to the thousands of people who are silently struggling, and to create a space for healing for the thousands who are suffering with the loss of a loved one by suicide. I am honored to be a part of this project. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Dennis Liegghio Founder, KnowResolve