

STAND UP TO BULLYING FROM #DAY1

Dear Upstander,

Thank you for joining with the Tyler Clementi Foundation to end all online and offline bullying in schools, workplaces, and faith communities. We are so grateful for your ongoing support and encouragement over the past 10 years!

This has not been an easy year, and I do hope this letter finds **you and your loved ones safe and healthy**. But even in the midst of such a challenging year, the Tyler Clementi Foundation's dedicated, knowledgeable and resourceful team has continued to reach new milestones, **thanks to your generous donations**. It gives me great pleasure to be able to share a little positivity with you after such a difficult year.

The most exciting news is that we have reached our goal of **1 Million Upstanders!** Yes, that's right, at the beginning of October we reached over **one million people** with our message to not remain a passive bystander but to stand up and speak out by being an **active Upstander!**

We have had an impact in **34 states and 5 countries**, with people downloading and implementing our **#Day1** tool kits to prevent bullying behavior. We have also been able to double our **Youth Ambassador Program** by adding a second cohort of students to plan anti-bullying actions in their communities. Our online resources have increased with the addition of our **Cyber Safety Guide** as well as informative new monthly blogs, **Mindfully Yours** and **Safe Classrooms**. Our **True Faith Doesn't Bully** initiative began sending weekly **Letters of Affirmation** from a wide range of diverse people who all shared one common trait, they have all re-examined the teachings and traditions of the Southern Baptist Conference to become **people who affirm and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community** and shine God's **love** into the world, giving **life** and **hope to themselves, their loved ones and everyone they encounter**.

Thank you so much for all your support in helping us achieve these milestones!

We have certainly made some great strides while weathering the germ storm of 2020, but this is not enough. We are looking forward to a new year to not only continue all these great initiatives but to grow and reach more people with our life-giving message of hope, as we continue to create a culture shift where the norm is that everyone is respected, celebrated, and protected from harmful aggressive bullying behavior.

Please help us to begin the new year on a firm foundation. Join with us by supporting our new **#Day 2** initiative, which will include **online resources and curriculum** with topics such as; strategies to encourage resilience and confidence, ideas to foster improved communication skills to help build bridges and improve conflict resolution, as well as information to **help create safe communities by increasing acceptance, respect, compassion and kindness.**

You have always been our biggest and best resource! From the very beginning, your encouragement and generosity got us started 10 years ago and you have kept us going through other difficult periods. You are the heart and soul of Tyler's foundation, and for that, I say "Thank You!".

I know these are difficult times for so many but if you are able to help us we would be so very grateful.

There are many ways you can **show your love and support** during this season of **joy**, **hope**, **reflection**, **gratitude**, **and gift-giving**...

- Of course, a financial donation **given directly to our website** or a check mailed to us would be a gift greatly appreciated.
- Or consider honoring or remembering a loved one by gifting them a "Stars of Hope".
- Even more amazing would be a gift that keeps giving, if you are able, please consider **becoming a** recurring monthly donor!
- Or consider creating a <u>Facebook fundraiser</u> and sharing your gifts with the **Tyler Clementi** Foundation.
- And if you are shopping online for <u>gifts</u> this holiday season please choose the Tyler Clementi Foundation on <u>Amazon Smile</u>, <u>GivingAssistant</u>, or <u>Shop & Support</u> to show your **support** and <u>give</u> to us indirectly.

And of course, the best way to **show your love and support** would be to always use social media and the digital world for the good it was intended ... which for us at the **Tyler Clementi Foundation** is to like us on <u>Facebook</u>, follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> And be sure to never remain a passive bystander but instead go to our <u>website</u> and pledge to be an active Upstander!

Wishing you and your loved ones a very joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy, and peaceful new year!

With all my gratitude.....Stay safe and be well,

Jane Clementi

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PS. Remember any donation received by mail or submitted online by December 31 will be eligible for a 2020 charitable tax-deduction. We value each of you and thank you in advance for your generosity!





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