



The Suicide Aftercare Association is a  
501(c)(3) public charity.

Our purpose is to offer postvention  
services to families during the critical  
24-hour period following a suicide  
attempt or completion.

We provide no-charge-to-the-family  
suicide scene biological cleaning  
services to families who have  
experienced a suicide attempt or  
completion.

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*In memoriam:*

Our work is dedicated to Anthony and Frank Punaro.

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## Suicide affects millions of people for the rest of their lives and for generations to come.

### In the United States:

There are more deaths by suicide than deaths by homicide.

Every 38 seconds someone attempts to die by suicide.

1 person will die by suicide in the next 16 minutes.

3.7 people will die by suicide in the next hour.

90 people will die by suicide today.

2225 people will attempt to die by suicide today.

Each of these attempts or completions will affect about six others who are friends, family, or co-workers.

13,890 people will have their lives forever affected by suicide today.

This brings the number of people affected by suicide in the United States to about *5 million* in the year 2008. *That is more people than the entire population of the State of Colorado.*

Suicide is the third highest cause of death for the ages of 15-24.

More law enforcement personnel die by suicide than in the line of duty.

20% of the population will experience a suicide in the family.

60% of the population will know someone who dies by suicide.

Every year there will be about 812,125 suicide attempts and 32,850 suicide completions in the United States.

Fifty-two percent of the completions are performed by firearms with the others performed by some type of cutting instrument.

The same types of weapons are proportionately used for suicide attempts.

Thousands of suicide attempts produce scenes that require the cleaning of body fluids.

This means that every day in the United States about 1400 attempted or completed suicide scenes require some level of biohazard cleaning.

Some scenes are horrific and require days to clean.

It is estimated that 80% of these bloody scenes are cleaned up by family members.

Approximately 1120 families a day in the US clean up an attempted or completed suicide scene of a family member.

We cannot stand idly by while 1120 families a day clean up the blood of a loved one.

We as a society cannot allow this to continue to happen.

*Can you imagine what it must be like for a mother to clean the brains of her child off of the ceilings and walls of their home?*

*Every day in the United States about 1120 families must clean up the gruesome scene where a family member has attempted or completed the act of suicide.*

*How can we stand by and do nothing to alleviate the burden these families carry?*

*Every day mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters perform this gruesome task.*

We must do everything we can to relieve these 1120 families from doing this.

### The Suicide Aftercare Association has two major goals as our vision:

1. To make sure no family in the United States ever has to clean up the biological remains of a suicide attempt or completion.
2. To study the long-term effects of our work. Our belief is that the suicide rate in this country will decline when family members are no longer subjected to the psychological damage caused by cleaning up the biological remains of a suicide attempt or completion.

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