

Mother Turns Unthinkable Tragedy into Healing for Childhood Cancer Patients

/EINPresswire.com/ How terrible loss can spur great good is the topic as Marie Osmond on Hallmark Channel's Marie interviews Non-profit Founder and inspiring author [Susan Rizzo Vincent](#) on her work continuing her only daughter Andréa's legacy following a life of triumph to tragedy.

Susan Rizzo Vincent, President and Founder of [The Andrea Rizzo Foundation](#) and author of *Drea's Dream: An Unfinished Dance*, shares her story of love, loss, hope and healing with Marie Osmond on the Hallmark Channel's Marie Show, Monday, May 13 12 pm ET.

The Andrea Rizzo Foundation funds Dréa's Dream pediatric dance therapy programs in hospitals and schools nationwide, with the help of thousands of dancers and dance schools across the country.

Susan's recently published memoir, with a foreword by actress Jane Seymour is *Drea's Dream: An Unfinished Dance*. It tells the story of Susan and her only child Andréa's journey through childhood cancer and disabilities, only to later face the challenge of heart-wrenching loss when 24-year-old Andréa was killed by a hit-and-run drunk driver.

"Marie Osmond is someone who so compassionately inspires people to make a difference in their own lives. I hope the story of my mother-daughter journey can empower other parents who are going through a similar loss," said Susan.

No one could have foretold the turn of events that tragically changed this mother's life irreversibly. But just as dance had become a driving force in Andrea's life and a cause she dedicated her life to after becoming a young teacher, it became that same driving force in Susan's.



Author, Nonprofit Leader Susan Rizzo Vincent with Marie Osmond on the set of Marie (Hallmark Channel)

"Like Marie, I've learned how to survive and move on with dignity and optimism. My desire to honor my daughter helped turn the unthinkable dark times following her death into a greater focus on serving children with cancer and special needs through the healing power of dance," said Susan.

In the foreword written by Jane Seymour, the renowned actress states, "Drea's Dream: An Unfinished Dance will empower parents facing the devastating news of their child's cancer diagnosis and it will also empower parents of any child facing disabilities. In addition, it offers inspiration to dancers, who know firsthand the therapeutic value of dance as a healing modality. For parents who have actually lost a child, this book provides a guiding light and offers help to find a reason to go on when such tragedy strikes."

A portion of the proceeds of the book will benefit The Andrea Rizzo Foundation, providing dance therapy to children with cancer and special needs.

Autographed books are available at www.SusanRizzoVincent.com with a special discounted bulk purchase offer to help dancers to raise funds for their dance school or dance company.

For more about the Andrea Rizzo Foundation visit www.DreasDream.org

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About Susan Rizzo Vincent: Susan Rizzo Vincent, an educator for over 30 years, is the founder of The Andrea Rizzo Foundation, providing dance therapy to children with cancer and special needs, and author of her newly published memoir, *Drea's Dream: An Unfinished Dance Lessons of Love, Loss, Hope and Healing* (with a foreword by actor Jane Seymour). She has appeared across the country on TV and radio and has received numerous awards including Women of Vision and Courage, Women Who Inspire Us-- Woman's Day, featured in Ladies Home Journal, and Huffington Post, Outstanding Achievement Award--American Dance Therapy Association. More at susanrizzovincent.com

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