

Glenn Almack offers his support to national suicide prevention foundation

Known for his philanthropic efforts, Glenn Almack has pledged his support to a number of charitable organizations in recent years.

DALLAS, TEXAS, UNITED STATES, April 2, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A background in researching and investing in biotech companies which focus on oncology solutions has seen [Glenn Almack](#) donate to the Leukemia Research Foundation and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Meanwhile, local ties have seen the Dallas native back the Visiting Nurse Association of Texas and the Dallas branch of the International Dyslexia Association, among other charities.

Almack's latest show of support is for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Founded in 1987, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention funds programs to reduce stigma and raise awareness and understanding of suicide.

With chapters in all 50 states, the organization funds scientific research, educates the public on matters surrounding suicide, and advocates for public policies in suicide prevention. They also support survivors of suicide loss and those otherwise affected by suicide and associated issues, such as mental health.

"The organization has made great strides in its 31-year history," explains Almack.

"They've supported the clinical and scientific communities in conducting groundbreaking research into suicide and its prevention, while simultaneously reaching out to many thousands of individuals at risk of suicide."

Almack continues, "The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention has also created a public policy and lobbying arm, enabling them to press for legislation and policies at local, state and federal levels, to advance the goal of preventing suicide."

In the last three years alone, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention has successfully raised over \$25 million, well ahead of its \$15 million target amount for the same period.

"In 2017, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention celebrated its 30th anniversary which



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provided an opportunity to look back and an opportunity to look ahead at the impact we can make throughout the country. The future clearly lies in expanding our efforts in communities," says the foundation's CEO, Robert Gebbia, of the charity and its work.

The foundation's commitment to community efforts is highly apparent, with 1,745 school and community education programs already in place across the US, and a view to further increase this number in coming years.

"During the same period, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention has also set a goal of drastically further reducing the rate of suicide in the US by the year 2025, as part of what it calls Project 2025," notes Almack.

Michael Rosanoff, the foundation's senior director for Project 2025, explains, "Thanks to our investments in science, we know more about how to prevent suicide than ever before."

He continues, "Through collaborations with other organizations, accrediting bodies, professional associations, and leaders in other industry sectors, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is focusing its prevention efforts on the kinds of programs, policies, and interventions which will save the most lives in the shortest amount of time."

It's initiatives such as Project 2025 which have seen Almack pledge his support for the foundation.

"I'm confident that they'll succeed in their goals, including Project 2025, and as such, I'm proud to support them," [Glenn Almack concludes](#).

Almack points to the AFSP statistic, that " Every year suicide claims more lives than war, murder, and natural disasters combined, and yet suicide prevention doesn't get anywhere near the funding compared to other leading causes of death." "I lost a close friend to suicide, and his memory is definitely a motivator to help make a change in our societies conversation about mental health funding and support."

One of AFSP great program activities to raise awareness is their "Out of the Darkness Community Walks". At the core of the Out of the Darkness Walks, the Community Walks created a movement. Held in hundreds of cities across the country, they give people the courage to open up about their own struggle or loss, and the platform to change our culture's approach to mental health. "I think these events are admirable, and when I heard about the upcoming walk in Dallas, I decided that I would become an advocate for this organization." Clearly, the AFSP Community Walks help to impact societal change, "one step at a time".

To find out more about the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, visit <https://afsp.org/>.

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