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# **KyleCares Making An Impact In Its First Year**

Surpasses \$56,000 in Grants Awarded

**NORTH ATTLEBORO, MA** (March 23, 2020) – KyleCares is making an impact. In the organization's first year of existence, KyleCares, Inc announced today it has awarded **fourteen different grants worth over \$56,000** to New England area high schools, colleges, and KyleCares strategic partners. These funds are targeted to help implement mental health awarenesss and suicide prevention programs to better support students who are struggling with mental health issues.

Schools in Boston, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Franklin, Millis, North Attleboro, Taunton, Wrentham, and Burlington, VT have used our grants for:

- Young Adult Speakers to deliver messages of hope to students who might be struggling currently
- Mental Health First Aid and Minding Your Mind QPR training for faculty
- Samaritans suicide prevention workshops for students and faculty
- Active Minds peer-to-peer mental health advocacy groups on high school and college campuses
- Public movie screenings for the movie ANGST (about anxiety)

### Our partners are utilizing KyleCares funding to:

- Provide a comprehensive framework and strategy for mental health programs/policies on campus
- Provide suicide prevention workshops and a crisis call/chat hotline
- Roll out a new Active Minds Week initiative nationwide this fall; and hosting 600 attendees for the Active Minds National Conference in Washington DC.

KyleCares was founded by Jim and Sue Johnson and their daughters Katie and Lauren in memory of their son and brother Kyle Johnson, a 19-year old North Attleboro, MA college student who died by suicide in April, 2018. Individuals and businesses interested in financially supporting KyleCares' mission through fundraising, sponsorship, or donation efforts can find more information on the organization's website at <a href="https://www.KyleCaresInc.org">www.KyleCaresInc.org</a>.

### **About KyleCares**

KyleCares is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting open and honest communication about the mental health challenges teens and young adults face in today's society. Our goal is to financially assist high schools, colleges and strategic partners with the implementation of mental health awareness and suicide prevention programs to better support students.

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