



*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power,
and of love, and of a sound mind*

2 Timothy 1:7

If you are receiving this newsletter, then you know that Erin's Purpose was able to obtain our very first youth center, right here in Bloomfield, In! As volunteers, whether it is financial, manpower or both, I will be sending out a monthly newsletter updating you on what we have going on, ways to send in your monthly contribution and volunteer opportunities. Most of you know me very well - some of you have kids whom I love as if they were my own and so I do not take it lightly that you are stepping out in faith to help us with the youth center and for that I am forever grateful.

-Terri

Erin's Purpose

Over the course of two months after Erin died by suicide, I had received multiple messages from kids and adults alike - they were struggling. Struggling with low self-esteem; struggling with depression, anxiety - asking me questions like "How do I get close to God?" I got messages like "I found a suicide note in my daughters room, what do I do?" I realized why people were reaching out to me when one person said "All I struggle with is paying bills but you have gone through hell and back and you are genuinely happy - what is it that you have that I don't have?" It was approximately 1:30am and I had spent the last hour on the phone with a mom who was driving to her son's house because he had called her and told her he was going to take his life. She was afraid to call an ambulance because she didn't want her son mad. She asked me to stay on the phone with her until she got there. I had no idea what she was going to find and I paced back and forth through my house praying over this person who must be feeling so terribly low. Once she got there, he was ok. After some convincing, she did call the police. The next morning on my way to work, I had a talk with God. I said "Ok, I see what you're doing. We prayed for you to make something good come from Erin's death, and I see now how you are going to use me. I have no idea what your exact plan is but if this is what you're going to do then you need to help me be strong and you need to guide me because I have no idea what I'm doing." I then asked God - "If everyone has a purpose, then what was Erin's? Surely, Erin's Purpose in life wasn't to die by suicide." And God's response was this, "No, Erin's Purpose wasn't to take her own life but when she chose that path, I had to switch it up and now through you, **Erin's Purpose is to save lives.**" And I knew right then that it wasn't **just** about saving lives from suicide, but also helping people to live a life that God has meant for them - a life of peace, even (especially) in hard times. I believe that the first life Erin saved was mine. I am a true testimony to what God can do in a life, if only we allow Him.

We appreciate all of your support!

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Erin's Purpose Board Members

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Info About The Youth Center

Location: 550 West Spring St., Bloomfield, In 47424

Our First Monthly payment is due November 15th and will be paid on the 15th of each month until the youth center is paid off. Please contact me if you have further questions!

How To Make your Monthly Contribution

Check (Preferred method): Made payable to Erin's Purpose, P.O. Box 555, Bloomfield, IN 47424

Cashapp: Our cashtag is \$erinspurpose (cashapp is free)

Cash: If you prefer to donate with cash, please contact me to make arrangements.

We are a registered Faith-Based 501c3 - those who make donations will be getting a statement at the beginning of 2021.

Updates and Volunteer Opportunities!

We are currently in the process of renovating the house. There are several things that we need to accomplish before we are ready to start our programs!

We do not have dates set yet, but we will be starting soon - please let us know if you are interested in volunteering with the remodel process!

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- *Erin's Purpose*