

SFTS helps ...

Reach the bullied

I get bullied all the time. It really hurts and you have just inspired me and taught me that I am somebody! I can make a change!

Reach the bullies

I had to admit that I used to be a bully and you really opened my eyes to what the victims feel and I burst into tears when I heard the story of your son. You didn't just stop me from being a bully but now I am supporting the cause brother.

Teach kids to stand up

This was a very life changing night for me. I'm going to find people tomorrow who have been picked on and the ones who need a friend. It brought tears to my eyes. I will be the change.

Help save lives

When you came to speak at our middle school it really made me feel a lot more confident about myself. I admit to thinking about suicide and how I was going to do it because the kids at school always talk about me and hit me when the teachers are not looking but since you came it has made a difference in my life and I really can't explain how thankful I am.

Give parents tools

the right words that make our kids feel like we truly understand what they are going through. [My son] felt today like others truly understood. Discussing your organization has also opened the door for us to talk about suicide, something I worried continuously about when the bullying was at its worst earlier this year. [My son] has put my mind at ease about this now and things have improved over the last few months as a whole. Thank you for what you are doing. I can't imagine how difficult it must be for you, but thank you for finding the strength to do it anyway. You are truly making an impact. You did on our son, you did on us.

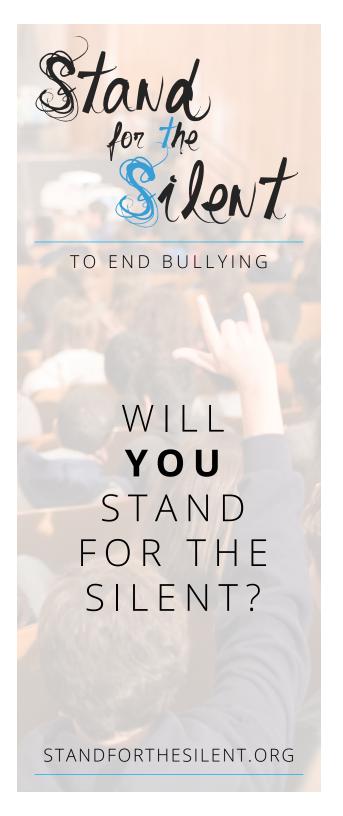
Equip educators

on both campuses are running with your message.

I have been overwhelmed with eager students wanting to know what we can do to make our school better and safer for everyone. They truly heard your message and I could see a light bulb going off in their heads. You did something I haven't been able to do all year and that is to get them to think before they speak and know that it's ok to stand up for someone else. Thank you so much for coming and speaking to our students.

You really are making a difference.





Stand for the Silent the pledge

"From this day forward, I promise to respect those around me as well as respect myself. I am somebody, and I can make a difference.

I can make another feel loved. I can be the helping hand that leads another back to the path of hope and aspiration. I will not stand silent as others try to spread hatred through my community. Instead, I pledge to lift up those victims and show them that their life matters.

I will be the change, because I AM SOMEBODY!"

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SFTS History

Stand For The Silent was started in 2010 by a group of high school students in Oklahoma City, OK, after they heard the story of Kirk and Laura Smalley's son, Ty Field-Smalley. At 11 years old, Ty took his own life after being suspended from school for retaliating against a bully that had been bullying him for over two years. Stand For The Silent exists as a platform to allow Kirk and Laura to share their story, and offer education and tools that will prevent their tragedy from happening to another child and family. Kirk and Laura's mission is to continue to change kids' lives and bring awareness to bullying and the real devastation it causes. Since May 2010, Kirk and Laura Smalley have traveled to over 4,726 schools and spoken with over 3.28 million kids!

The Program

The Stand For The Silent (SFTS) program addresses the issue of school bullying with an engaging, factual, and emotional methodology. With the help of student leaders, Kirk Smalley presents his inspirational story, and students are shown firsthand the life and death consequences of bullying. Students, some for the first time, develop an empathetic awareness through education and understanding.

The goal of the program is to start a SFTS chapter at each participating site. Each chapter consists of a group of students committed to change. These students will no longer stand for their peers to suffer at the hands of a bully. At the end of each event, pledge cards are given to those who agree to stand for the silent. The pledge illustrates the main lesson taught through the Stand For The Silent program: I AM SOMEBODY.

Paying it forward

We would ask you to consider "paying it forward" to another school by donating to or raising funds for Stand For The Silent. Please visit our website to make a donation at **standforthesilent.org**