

INVITATION

An invitation is extended to you and others bereaved by suicide, together with service providers, to attend a morning Presentation, followed by a Healing and Remembrance Service to be held on 11th May at the Salvation Army Hobart Hall, 180 Elizabeth Street, Hobart, TAS 7000.

The Salvation Army Hope for Life Program in partnership with Postvention Australia – National Association for the Bereaved by Suicide are organising a special day for the bereaved by suicide. This will be held one day prior to the Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Community Network (TSPCN) Annual Forum.

An invitation is also being extended to dignitaries including members of parliament to attend this special day.

A Healing and Remembrance Service will commence at approximately 1:30pm and conclude approximately at 2:30-2:45pm. There will be 3 bereaved by suicide representative speakers, who will briefly speak about their experiences and grief journey in the loss of their loved one to suicide.

During the Healing and Remembrance Service, there will be a reflection time when an opportunity will be given for bereaved families to participate by lighting a candle in remembrance of loved ones. This will be a sacred time for all present as we meet together, remembering and honouring all lost to suicide.

A Lifekeeper Memory Quilt will be displayed at this service. The Hope for Life Lifekeeper Memory Quilts provides the opportunity for families to honour the memory of their loved one who has died by suicide.

Our special guest presenter for the morning session is Dr Diana Sands, who is well-known for her work in suicide bereavement. Diana has presented seminars and workshops in Australia and Internationally drawing on her clinical experience, research and contemporary meaning based "Walking in the Shoes Model of Suicide Bereavement".

Diana's forum will involve interaction with service providers and bereaved by suicide, commencing at 10:00am. Following the forum, a light lunch is to be served.

An invitation is attached for you to record your attendance at the Presentation and Healing and Remembrance Service. For catering purposes, would you please indicate whether you are attending the morning forum, the lunch and/or the Healing and Remembrance Service on the invitation form.

Weaving a community response for those bereaved by suicide

a forum for those bereaved by suicide,
those who support them and service providers

Date: Monday 11th May

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Venue: The Salvation Army Hall

180 Elizabeth Street, Hobart Tasmania



Diana Sands, PhD, Director Bereaved by Suicide Centre for Intense Grief, is a postvention, prevention clinician and educator. Diana is a Clinical Member PACFA, CAPA, and Deputy Chair of Postvention Australia, and the Honorary Advisor to the Wings of Hope Charity. Diana has served on the NSW Executive Committee, National Association Loss and Grief, and as the NSW representative with Suicide Prevention Australia.

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Diana is a Member of the International Work Group Death, Dying and Bereavement, and a recipient of the Vice Chancellor Post Graduate Research Grant, Australian Government Research Scholarship and has published peer reviewed academic articles, chapters and is the author of book and DVD resource, Red Chocolate Elephants for children bereaved by suicide.

This session is provided free of charge, however bookings are essential as spaces are limited.

Please [RSVP](#) by Friday 1st May, 2015.

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