

WHAT WE DO

Book Scholarships are given out to students for the four years of their attendance in college or time spent in a technical school.

Mentoring Program provides our scholarship recipients with the additional support needed to successfully graduate and transition into professional life.



Art Contest for junior high and high school students where submissions reflect values like honesty, compassion and love.

Community Engagement throughout the year allow for David's Shoes to have face-to-face interactions with members of the community and support other helpful causes.



WHO WE ARE

David's Shoes is an organization whose goal to reduce teen gun violence by reaching out to children and teens to encourage them to honor life by making wise decisions rather than living on impulse.

We visit schools, churches, civic organizations and any student-oriented environment where we can speak to youth about teen violence and to provoke them to reflect on the choices they make and how those choices impact them and the lives of their family, friends and community.



As a part of our Honor Life Presentations, students are encouraged to donate old shoes to honor loved ones who have died as a result of teen violence. These shoes are used in an exhibit which continues to be shared at all of our programs and eventually all over the country to remind all of us to honor who we really are.



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and Teens Honor Life**

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OUR STORY

On March 14, 1998, David Lane, II the sole son of David and Elaine Lane tragically lost his life as a result of gunfire at the age of 18. In that same year 3,792 American children and teens (19 and under) died by gunfire in murders, suicides, and unintentional shootings according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That is more than 10 young people a day.



Did we lose the one who had the secret of curing cancer? Did we lose a Senator or even a President? Did we lose a humanitarian who would travel the world for human issues? We'll never know. For those hopes and dreams are forever gone.

In 2004, Elaine saw an exhibit containing shoes of the military men and woman who had lost their lives in Iraq. There were also a set of ordinary shoes that represented the Iraqi people. She was deeply affected by it.



Elaine felt that if she collected shoes that represented youth whose lives had been taken by violence, maybe young people would have a response similar to the one she had when viewing the military exhibit.

On September 23, 2006, Elaine Lane invited a few of her closest friends and confidants to present the idea of creating an organization in honor of her son, David, whose mission would be "to promote love of self and community."

Federally recognized as a NJ Non-Profit Corporation, David's Shoes, for two decades, has shared the message of honoring life with more than 7,000 young men women and children throughout New Jersey and New York at more than 100 locations.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You are not helpless against gun violence. If you know of a student carrying a weapon in school or hear of a student intending to bring a weapon to school - Don't ignore it!

CALL 1-866-SPEAK UP

Giving a monetary gift allows David's Shoes to continue programs like the Book Scholaship, Mentoring Program and more. Please consider making a donation today. Your generosity helps the organization grow.

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