



Helping Others, Protecting Everyone

APRIL 25

9:30 am - 5 pm Minnesota State Capitol

9:30 - 10 am

Gathering at Minnesota State Capitol, Cass Gilbert Library Room, 317A, to discuss day's events

There are multiple parking options throughout the capitol area complex including metered parking.

- Prioritize legislators for one-on-one conversations, sharing materials, T-shirts, banners and signage
- Review key talking points about Kayla's HOPE and our efforts to secure state funding for suicide prevention barriers on the Washington Avenue Bridge.
- Participants assigned specific legislative offices for material distribution and instructed to request private meetings with legislators from the House and Senate Chambers
- Remarks from MJ Weiss, SAVE Board Member John Apitz and SAVE Director of Programs Jen Owens

10 - 11:30 am

Distributing materials to legislative offices

- Participants deliver packets to pre-assigned office locations, aiming to engage with elected officials/staff
- After completing assignments, participants
 reconvene at the House and Senate Chambers

11:30 am - 1 pm

Outside of Senate Chambers:

Request meetings with Senate members

- Participants request Senate members come outside the chamber to meet with members of Kayla's HOPE
- Participants seek support and provide info sheets about Kayla and our objectives, asking members to sign our banner and/or petition.

1 - 2 pm

Lunch location TBD for debriefing and follow-up

A day of visibility and engagement with legislators in demand of suicide prevention barriers on the Washington Ave Bridge. Happy hour gathering and fundraiser at St. Paul Pool and Yacht Club to follow.

2 - 2:45 pm

Ground Floor of West Wing at Governor's office

 MJ delivers a letter to the Governor's office SAVE is advance requesting to see the Governor, Lt. Governor, and/or senior staff and encourage support for bonding bill and suicide prevention barriers

3 - 3:30 pm

Press Conference Room B971 State Capitol

- Press conference calling on legislators to support passage of bonding bill to include funding for the University of Minnesota Washington Avenue Bridge and suicide prevention barriers
- Prepared remarks from MJ Weiss, Erich Mische and others TBD

3:30 - 5 pm

Outside of House Chambers: Request meetings with House Members

- Participants request House members come outside the chamber to meet with members of Kayla's HOPE
- Participants seek support and provide information sheets about Kayla and our objectives, asking members to sign our banner and/or petition.

5 pm

Return to vehicles

6 - 8 pm

Kayla's HOPE Happy Hour and Fundraiser at

St. Paul Pool and Yacht Club, 1600 Lilydale Rd

- Discussing the day's efforts and raising funds to cover expenses. Accepting donations to defray costs of signage, shirts and materials
- Brief remarks from MJ Weiss, Gina Morgan, Brittani Senser and Erich Mische

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SAVE's mission: To prevent suicide through training, education, advocacy, and support of suicide loss survivors.

