

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVORS THROUGH HELP ME BOUNCE PROGRAM



ABOUT HELP ME BOUNCE PROGRAM

SAVE and Spare Key are proud to announce a new collaboration that will provide community-based fundraising to suicide loss survivors. Individuals and families who have lost a loved one to suicide are able to share their story on www.HelpMeBounce.org.

This platform gives families a compassionate and supportive outlet to connect with donors that want to help them avoid adding a financial crisis on top of the loss they are already facing. Donors are able to provide direct financial assistance towards the bills these families desperately need help paying.

FIND SUPPORT

988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE

The most comprehensive source of information about local resources and services in the country

Call or text 988 | 988lifeline.org

SAMHSA TREATMENT LOCATOR

Confidential and anonymous resource for people seeking treatment for mental and substance use disorders in the US and its territories

Call 1-833-888-1553 | findtreatment.gov

HOW IT WORKS

Step 1

- Families apply for aid on Help Me Bounce and are approved based on the [program guidelines](#) (High-level overview on the backside). To begin a campaign, families create funding goals indicating what they are raising money for, for how much, and for how long.
- Thanks to a generous donation, SAVE is supporting families of suicide loss by providing a \$250 donation per family (as funds are available).
- After your application is live on the Help Me Bounce website, please contact Cat Gangi at cgangi@save.org to inquire about getting a donation from SAVE. You will be able to select which category the donation will go in as funds are available.

Step 2

- Families then populate their profile with their story and profile image.
- Once they are approved and their profile is live, families can blog and share their page with their network!

HELP ME BOUNCE GUIDELINES

The Help Me Bounce program was developed to increase Spare Key's capacity to support families across America facing a medical crisis with more financial resources to cover a wider range of financial needs. To qualify to participate in the Help Me Bounce Program, the following guidelines should be reviewed and met before submitting an application. Completion of the application does not guarantee payment or approval. Guidelines are subject to change and financial support is subject to the availability of funds secured through the Help Me Bounce Program.

1. The applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be certified by a Social Worker or medical professional to be experiencing a critical illness or serious injury
- The family member's medical care has resulted in a demonstrated significant reduction of income
- The family member's medical care has resulted in a demonstrated significant increase in expenses
- Reside in the United States

2. All funds raised on the Help Me Bounce platform are paid directly to a servicer in which there is a valid account number in which a bill can be paid. Spare Key does not provide Help Me Bounce funds directly to an applicant under any circumstances.

Be sure to read all the guidelines before applying. Go to SAVE's financial support page to learn more: <https://www.save.org/financial-support-for-suicide-loss-survivors-on-helpmebounce-org/>

HOW TO SHARE YOUR STORY SAFELY

It can be really hard to know what to share for your story portion for this funding aid. Below is a template you could use as you fill out your application. One thing to know is that your story should follow safe messaging guidelines. To learn more about safe messaging, click [here](#).

- Part 1 (Introduction) : Tell us about your loved one. What is their story? What do they mean to you? What do you want others to know about them? You could think about sharing what they liked to do or what their passions were. You could share what qualities you appreciated or admired about them.
- Part 2 (Losing a loved one to suicide) : Talk about being a suicide loss survivor. This section can be brief, and safe messaging is key for this part. It will allow you to put into words how suicide has impacted you and your family. You can think about sharing what you wish colleagues, friends, and family, should understand about this type of loss.
- Part 3 (Impact and Support): Share how this funding would help support you and your family right now. Share how this funding could impact your life, or what benefits this funding would bring to your life right now.

To learn more about suicide and suicide prevention or to find support if you or someone you know has experienced a suicide loss, visit [save.org](https://www.save.org).

