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Suicide Prevention Coalition of the Ozarks Hosts Suicide Awareness Walk of Life

Springfield, MO (May 3rd, 2022): The Suicide Prevention Coalition of the Ozarks will be hosting a community-wide event called the Suicide Awareness Walk of Life, to support individuals who have experienced a mental health challenge or have lost a loved one to suicide. The event will be held on May 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at OTC Richwood Valley Campus (3369 West Jackson St. Nixa, MO 65714).

In 2019 Missouri had 1,130 deaths by suicide according to the Missouri Suicide Prevention Network (MSPN). This makes suicide the ninth leading cause of death in Missouri, far exceeding the number of deaths from motor vehicle accidents and homicide.

This event unites those who have been affected by suicide. Proceeds from this event will help provide suicide prevention trainings and will support the mission of the Suicide Prevention Coalition of the Ozarks in providing awareness and hope to reduce suicide in Southwest Missouri. This event is proof that when we come together, we can make a big change within our community.

Registration is required and there are different registration options for this event. General admission is \$35.00. This cost includes admission to the event and a t-shirt. There is also a pay what you can option, as the coalition does not want cost to be a barrier for those who wish to attend. Donations are also welcome and appreciated. Tickets can be purchased prior to the event or at the event, but a t-shirt is not guaranteed if participants register the day of the event. Light food and snacks will be served, and resource tables will be present, providing information about suicide prevention and mental health promotion. To purchase tickets for this event, please visit <https://bit.ly/3LEWua2>

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ABOUT SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION OF THE OZARKS

The mission of Suicide Prevention Coalition of the Ozarks is to provide awareness and hope in an effort to reduce suicide in Southwest Missouri. The coalition meets the second Tuesday of every month at noon via Zoom and at Community Partnership of the Ozarks. For more information on the coalition's collaborative efforts and trainings, visit <https://www.facebook.com/SPCOzarks>.

ABOUT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OF THE OZARKS

The mission of Community Partnership of the Ozarks is to facilitate and promote the building of resilient children, healthy families, and strong neighborhoods and communities through collaboration, programming and resource development. For more information on the Partnership's collaborative efforts and programs, visit www.cpozarks.org.