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Suicide Prevention Coalition of the Ozarks Hosts Survivors of Suicide Loss Day

November 9, 2022 (SPRINGFIELD, Mo.) – The Suicide Prevention Coalition of the Ozarks will be hosting a free community-wide event called Survivors of Suicide Loss Day. This event will offer a time of remembrance and hope to individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. The event will be held on November 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at OTC's Lincoln Hall (1001 E. Chestnut Expressway Springfield, MO 65802). Lincoln Hall is located at the corner of Sherman and Central Street.

There are individuals struggling with the loss of a loved one every day. In 2020, nearly 46,000 suicides occurred in the U.S. A recent study (Cerel, 2019) suggests an estimate of 135 people exposed for each death by suicide. This data shows the importance of events like Survivors of Suicide Loss Day.

The event has an agenda filled with opportunities of hope, including a music therapy presentation, a remembrance craft, a candle lighting ceremony, and more. Free lunch will also be served.

Due to the nature of the event and for the privacy of the attendees, we ask that media does not attend, but rather shares information prior to the event, to allow community members time to register and attend. Registration is required and can be accessed at <https://springfield-missouri.isosld.afsp.org/>.

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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.