



SUPPORTING RESEARCH TO END SUICIDE

Dan and RoseMary Fuss became involved with AFSP in 2007 after losing their son, Tommy, to suicide a few months earlier. The Fuss family started their involvement by walking in AFSP's annual Out of the Darkness Overnight. At first their team consisted of four participants, but over six years it has grown considerably and includes many of Tommy's friends. Since starting to walk in the Overnight, the Tommy Fuss Team has grown to more than 90 walkers, who have walked 1,600 miles and have raised over \$200,000 for suicide prevention.

Dan and RoseMary's generous support of AFSP does not stop there. This year, they have decided to further their leadership by making a major gift to the Foundation to sponsor a two-year AFSP research study. "We are excited about what we are going to learn and to collaborate with AFSP," said RoseMary Fuss.

At AFSP, we have a committee of extremely knowledgeable experts who vet research grant proposals and decide on which ones will make the biggest difference in achieving AFSP's mission to understand and prevent suicide. Because of this process, donors who would like to fund research can feel reassured that their donation is being used to support high priority, innovative studies into the causes of suicide and into interventions and treatments to prevent it.

Dan and RoseMary had the choice of over 20 vetted grants that were seeking funding from AFSP. They decided on the grant they were most excited about and aligned best with their interests as donors. You can do the same.

To find out more about funding a research grant, please contact AFSP's Director of Individual Giving at (212) 363.3500 Ext. 2020, or by email at development@afsp.org.

“ Research into suicide is critical because what we do must be grounded in what we know about why people die by suicide. ”

Robert Gebbia
Executive Director of AFSP