

## Call for Submissions

There is something unique about you and me—we survived the deaths of our children or a young person close to us. Or we've supported someone who has. As you now know, more people experience this loss more often than we realized before. And, like you and I, they believe they cannot live through the pain and heartache from losing their child, their sibling, their family member, or their friend.

That is why I am compiling stories about us: to show those new in the journey of grief, after losing someone too young to die, that they will laugh again. I want them to know that they are not crazy in what they are feeling, thinking, experiencing. I want them to know that even though their lives are forever changed, they will find a new normal. I want them to know they are not alone. Plus, I want them to know that they have it within themselves, to make something beautiful and enduring, from their painful experience, such as a new ministry or organization.

Will you help me help them by sharing your story? Your story can be from the perspective of having lost someone or from supporting a person experiencing loss of someone young. If you are interested, will you let me know by Feb. 10, this next Friday? And if you do want to participate in this compilation, I will need your story by the end of the month. Do you think that is possible? The story should be about 1000-3000 words and I can help you if you want help. Help can be in editing your story or I can interview you and I will write your story. It doesn't need to be filled with all the excruciating details, although it can be. It must show, however, at least one positive thing you've learned from your experience...remember, we are striving to encourage and offer hope after such a terrible loss. These stories will also be read by those who support the one with the loss so if you've received or offered a special kind of support, share that too.

Please contact me via email ([kellymartindale@gmail.com](mailto:kellymartindale@gmail.com)) or text (720.939.7483) to let me know your thoughts by this Friday, Feb. 10. I truly appreciate your participation but I am also sorry that you have this experience. My prayer is that God will use us to help at least one person know they are not alone in their sorrow.

Offering love and hope,

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