

**Out of the Darkness Community Walks
Sponsorship Opportunities**

**WALK
WITH US
TO PREVENT SUICIDE**

**Out of the Darkness Community Walk
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Minot North Dakota
Oak Park – Shelter 7
Sunday September 8th, 2024**

12:00 pm registration
1:00 pm program begins

afsp.org/Minot



**American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention**



**OUT OF THE
DARKNESS**
Community Walks

Become a Minot Community Walk Sponsor

You can be a hero in the fight against suicide.

Today, support for mental health is needed more than ever and we are asking you to join us in the movement to prevent suicide. With your help, the North Dakota Chapter will be able to maximize our mission impact by reaching and serving more people through our lifesaving programs and resources.

Why Support the Minot Out of the Darkness walk:

- We have a strong and resilient community that's united in our effort to fight suicide, raise awareness, educate our communities, support those who have lost loved ones, and support those with lived experience.
- Mental health and suicide prevention are more important than ever, and we're confident that with your help, we can reach more people than ever before.
- Suicide is one of the leading causes of death for most age groups. Suicide is preventable. Mental health affects everyone, and it's going to take everyone's help to fight suicide.
- Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the United States, and the suicide rate continues to rise.
- In 2021, we lost 156 North Dakotans to suicide, making suicide the 9th leading cause of death in our state.

We need your support!

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) leads the fight against suicide. The funds we raise will allow us to fund innovative research, create and implement educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support local initiatives for suicide loss survivors.

We look forward to discussing our chapter engagement opportunities and benefits with you in more detail.

Thank you!

Twyla and Cellest Hofer

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Together, we're leading the fight against suicide.

Since 1987, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) has grown from a grassroots network of researchers and volunteers into a national movement with chapters in all 50 states.

AFSP is also the largest private funder of suicide prevention research, and because we've built the infrastructure to deliver evidence-based programs to local communities across the country, our work impacts millions of people. We are consistently ranked one of the best charities for mental health, and we're powered by everyday heroes like you!



Research

Discovering better ways to prevent suicide through research. Findings from our studies have shaped prevention efforts around the world. Today, AFSP is the leading private funder of suicide prevention research.



Advocacy

Pushing for key federal and state legislation, such as mandatory suicide prevention training for clinicians and educators, and funding for mental health resources, with the help of thousands of volunteer advocates across the country.



Education

Delivering effective suicide prevention programs to schools, communities and workplaces, showing people how to recognize signs of distress and connect those suffering with help. Our Talk Saves Lives™ and More Than Sad programs have taught over a million people how to be smart about mental health.



Support

Providing support through initiatives like Healing Conversations, which connects trained loss survivors with people whose grief is recent, and events across the country for International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day. The Interactive Screening Program, available for schools, workplaces, and other organizations, provides an anonymous way to engage with counselors, for those least likely to seek help.

Your Support Helps Save Lives

AFSP is leading the fight in suicide prevention. Our mission is to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide. We do so by creating a culture that's smart about mental health through education and community programs, research, advocacy, and support for those affected by suicide. Thank you for the important work you are doing to support suicide prevention. Thanks to our Out of the Darkness Community Walk sponsors who help us do this great work in all of the communities across North Dakota last year.



100

Education programs delivered



10

Out of the Darkness™ Walks



3,774

North Dakotans who received programming



5

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day Events



3.3 K

Social media followers



246

Advocates who are fighting for local and federal policy change



27

New research grants awarded internationally, made possible through chapter fundraising efforts



Presenting Sponsor

Marketing Benefits:

- Ability to meet with our team to customize your sponsorship benefits.
- Sponsorship of chapter-wide presentations of Talk Saves Lives
- Your company's logo included on the Save the Date postcard.
- Your company's logo included in Kickoff and thank you event presentation slides.
- Prominent listing in Walk e-blast.
- Listing in AFSP North Dakota Chapter's E-newsletter
- Recognition on our Chapter's Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Prominent listing in Walk e-blasts.
- Company logo with link to Company's website on the walk page
- Dedicated press release announcing partnership.
- Recognition in post Walk Thank you communication.

Day of Benefits:

- Recognition by Emcee on Walk Day
- Opportunity for team to lead the start of the walk.
- Opportunity to provide a promotional item in the walker gift bags.
- Speaking Opportunity during Walk's opening ceremony (Scrip must be approved by staff)
- Ability to have a sponsorship promotional tent or activity area (e.g. Family Activity sponsored by your logo/name)
- Your logo on the sponsorship banner (deadline to receive this benefit is August 1, 2024)
- Logo on Walk T-shirt: Top Tier which included receiving 20 special event T-shirts for your team (deadline to receive this benefit is August 1, 2024)

Champion Sponsor

Marketing Benefits:

- Prominent listing in Walk- e-blasts.
- Listing in AFSP North Dakota e-Newsletter
- Recognition on our Chapter's Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Company logo with link to Company's website on the walk page
- Recognition in post Walk Thank you communication.

Day of Benefits:

- Recognition by Emcee on Walk Day
- Opportunity to provide a promotional item in the walker gift bags.
- Speaking Opportunity during Walk's opening ceremony (Scrip must be approved by staff)
- Ability to have a sponsorship promotional tent or activity area (e.g. Family Activity sponsored by your logo/name)
- Your logo on the sponsorship banner (deadline to receive this benefit is August 1, 2024)
- Logo on Walk T-shirt: Top Tier which included receiving 15 special event T-shirts for your team

Hope Sponsor

Marketing Benefits:

- Listing in AFSP North Dakota Chapter e-newsletter
- Thank you posts on North Dakota Instagram and Facebook pages
- Company Logo with link to company's website on walk page
- Promotional Item in walker bag

Day of Benefits:

- Recognition by Emcee on Walk Day
- Opportunity for team to walk behind the lead at the start of the walk.
- Opportunity to provide a promotional item in the walker gift bags.
- Ability to have a sponsorship promotional tent or activity area (e.g. Family Activity sponsored by your logo/name)
- Your logo on the sponsorship banner (deadline to receive this benefit is August 1, 2024)
- Logo on Walk T-shirt: 3rd Tier which included receiving 12 special event T-shirts for your team (deadline to receive this benefit is August 1, 2024)

Advocate Sponsor

Marketing Benefits:

- Listing in AFSP North Dakota Chapter e-newsletter
- Thank you posts on North Dakota Instagram and Facebook pages
- Company Logo with link to company's website on walk page

Day of Benefits:

- Recognition by Emcee on Walk Day
- Opportunity to provide a promotional item in the walker gift bags.
- Your logo on the sponsorship banner (deadline to receive this benefit is August 1, 2024)
- Logo on Walk T-shirt: 4th Tier which included receiving 6 special event T-shirts for your team (deadline to receive this benefit is August 1, 2024)

Prevention Sponsor

Marketing Benefits:

- Listing in AFSP North Dakota Chapter e-newsletter
- Thank you posts on North Dakota Instagram and Facebook pages
- Company name in text with link to company's website on walk page

Day of Benefits:

- Recognition by Emcee on Walk Day
- Opportunity to provide a promotional item in the walker gift bags.
- Your logo on the sponsorship banner (deadline to receive this benefit is August 1, 2024)
- Company Name on Walk T-shirt: 5th Tier which included receiving 4 special event T-shirts for your team (deadline to receive this benefit is August 1, 2024)

SPONSOR AGREEMENT

Minot Community Walk

Company logo upload (if applicable), and payments can be completed online through the payment method links below.

- Presenting Sponsor | Donate \$5,000**
- Champion Sponsor | Donate \$4,000**
- Hope Sponsor | Donate \$2,000**
- Advocate Sponsor | Donate \$1,000**
- Prevention Sponsor | Donate \$500**

Payment Methods

• Invoice Needed

- Request an invoice and upload your logo (if your sponsorship level includes a logo) at afsp.org/invoicerequest

• Check

- Fill out form online and upload your logo (if your sponsorship level requires a logo) at afsp.org/checksponsor
- Make Payable to: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention or AFSP – Note the Minot Walk
- Mail check with this or online form to:
AFSP, Attn: Minot OOTD Walk, 1015 South Broadway, Ste 21A, Minot, ND 58701

• Credit Card

- To make a secure credit card payment, complete this form electronically and upload your logo (if your sponsorship level requires a logo) go to afsp.org/ccsponsor
Logo Instructions: T-shirt: Vector files (EPS, PS, PDF) to ensure logo integrity. **Website:** Stacked logos appear best (max width 80px) and image files only (JPEG, PNG). **Logo is due by August 1, 2024**

Complete the Information Below If Sending a Check or Instructed to Do So by AFSP Contact

(Please Print)

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone (with Area Code): _____

Email: _____

Company Website: _____

I hereby authorize the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Out of the Darkness Walks to include our corporate name and/or logo on all "Out of the Darkness" materials consistent with our sponsorship selection and publication dates.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

Tax ID and financials at: www.afsp.org/financials.

Thank you for your generous support!

IN-KIND DONATION FORM

Minot Community Walk

You may go to afsp.org/inkindsponsor to complete the information below online and/or upload your logo (if applicable)

Please Type or Print Legibly

Donor Information

Donor Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Website: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Title: _____

Contact Email: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Gift Information

Item(s)/Services

Donated: _____

Description: _____

Restrictions (e.g. Exp Date): _____

Fair-Market Cash Value: \$ _____

Processing Instructions & Important Deadlines

- **In-Kind Gift Delivery:** Please contact Twyla and Cellest Hofer at minotootd@gmail.com 701-720-1144 or 701-720-5064 to coordinate delivery.
- **Sponsor Deadline:** Deadline to receive this benefit – August 1st, 2024
IMPORANT: Email signed agreement & logo to Twyla and Cellest Hofer at minotootd@gmail.com
- **Sponsor T-Shirt Deadline:** Deadline to receive this benefit – August 1st, 2024

IRS/Tax Deduction Information: AFSP will provide the donor with an acknowledgment letter after the delivery and/or provision of the in-kind gift. This receipt can reflect a dollar value for the in-kind gift as communicated to AFSP by the donor using this form. Any transfer documentation that will help to describe and evaluate the gift in-kind will be appreciated. The donor assumes all other responsibilities relating to the tax deductibility of this contribution. The donor should consult professional advisors regarding any tax reporting requirements.

TAX ID# 13-3393329

Thank You for Your Support!

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<p>1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention</p> <p>2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above</p>	
	<p>3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____</p> <p>Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____</p>	<p>4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any) <u>1</u></p> <p>Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</p>
	<p>5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. 199 Water Street, Fl. 11</p> <p>6 City, state, and ZIP code New York, NY 10038</p> <p>7 List account number(s) here (optional)</p>	<p>Requester's name and address (optional)</p>

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
				-					
OR									
Employer identification number									
1	3	-	3	3	9	3	3	2	9

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶ 02/24/2023
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.