



‘If only we had been aware’

Those are the words that John and Susie Trautwein, the founders of the Will To Live Foundation, utter on a daily basis since they lost their son Will to mental illness and suicide in October of 2010.

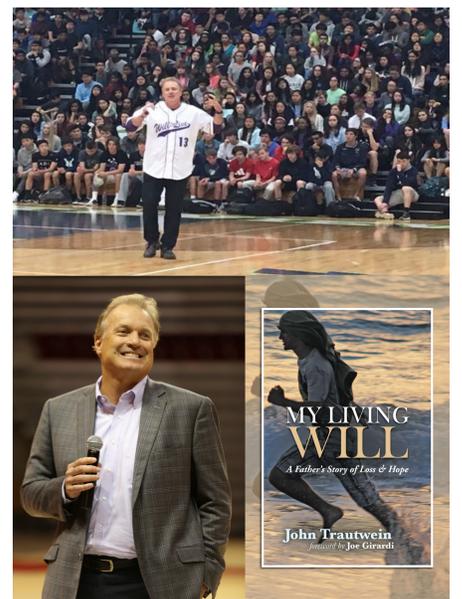
When John Trautwein makes his speeches across the country, to parents, teachers, coaches as well as hundreds of thousands of teenagers and young adults, one of the most impactful quotes is this:

“We simply had no idea that 1 in 6 of the teenagers in our life suffer from some form of depression or other diagnosable mental illness. No one ever talks about it, and because of that, our son Will is gone”

As result, the Trautweins dedicated themselves to raising this awareness around mental illness, depression and teen suicide. The fact that very few people realize that suicide is happening in America ever 13 minutes, and every two hours it’s a teenager, is alarming. ***“No one ever talks about it, and that has to change”*** continues Trautwein, ***“and the first step in driving change is making people aware that there is a problem.”*** Thus, the mission of the Will To Live Foundation was born, just days after the tragic loss of Will Trautwein, quite simply to raise the awareness of teen suicide.

A Positive & Inspirational Message Of Love & Hope

The most powerful way of raising the awareness has come from the hundreds of speeches, articles, interviews and posts that the foundation delivers each year. Will To Live has been successful in creating a positive message that inspires people while raising their awareness of this tragic epidemic of teen suicide that is plaguing our communities across the country. John Trautwein’s highly praised book **“MY LIVING WILL”** has also been a key way of getting the message of Will To Live in the hands of tens of thousands across America.



In 2018 alone John Trautwein gave over 100 speeches and interviews, reaching well over 100,000 people

Our Mission Statement:

“We are dedicated to preventing teen suicide by improving the lives and the ‘Will To Live’ of teenagers everywhere through education about mental health and encouraging them to recognize the love and hope that exists in each other.”

The Will To Live Foundation

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Every event, every speech, every interview, every article, every post on social media and every time someone puts on the “Will To Live Wristband” The Will To Live Foundation is achieving it’s mission of raising the awareness of teen suicide in our communities. People are talking about it!

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