



GOAL EVERYONE MATTERS

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Dear School Administrators and Staff,

The GEM Project is a local group of young people with a mission to spread messages of hope and endurance to students in the Dayton area. GEM stands for *Goal: Everyone Matters*, and our mission is to spread awareness about suicide prevention. Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death in youth aged 10 to 34, and our team wants to change this statistic.

We are launching our 2nd Art Contest for Suicide Prevention on October 10th, World Mental Health Day, and we hope your students will participate. The contest is **open to youth in grades 6 - 12** and students will use their creativity to convey a message of hope to encourage other students who may be struggling with thoughts of suicide. Students will submit artwork that will be judged, and the top 10 winners will receive a total of \$5,000 in cash prizes. The winning artwork will be used to create banners, posters, social media posts, notecards, and possibly murals to encourage kids to keep on going.

We are asking for your school's help to advertise this contest in your high school and get as many students as possible to participate! If you would like more information about our mission, check out our website www.gemprojectdayton.org. You can also keep to up-to-date with our contest on Instagram @gemprojectdayton or Facebook GEM Project Dayton. If you have questions, please email us at gemprojectdayton@gmail.com or call (937) 294-3816.

Thank you for your consideration!

Leigh Ann Fulford, Director

