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**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK**

The Jason Foundation speaks about the importance of National Suicide Prevention Week.

(Hendersonville, TN—September 3, 2015) The Jason Foundation, Inc. (JFI) is a national leader in youth suicide awareness and prevention programs targeted to address the “Silent Epidemic” of youth suicide.

In the United States:

- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for our youth ages 10-24.
- Among high school students in the past 12 months, 17 percent have seriously considered suicide, over 13 percent have formulated a plan for how they would take their own lives, and 8 percent have attempted suicide.
- Each day in our nation, there are an average of over 5,400 attempts by young people grades 7-12.
- **Four** out of **Five** teens who attempt suicide have given clear warning signs.

National Suicide Prevention Week is September 7 – 13, 2015, culminating in the World Suicide Prevention Day on the 10<sup>th</sup>. During this day and week, individuals and organizations alike will be drawing attention to the problem of suicide and advocating the prevention of this terrible tragedy. Suicide is a national health problem that is also one of the leading causes of preventable death in our nation.

All around the nation, suicide prevention organizations will be conducting prevention and awareness events. The Jason Foundation is currently planning events to help spread awareness during this week and month.

**About the Company:**

**The Jason Foundation, Inc. (JFI)** is a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting the “Silent Epidemic” of youth suicide through educational programs for young people, educators, parents, and other community groups. JFI, headquartered in Hendersonville, TN, was founded in 1997 after the tragic death of Jason Flatt, the 16-year-old son of Clark Flatt. Currently, there are over 89 JFI Affiliate Offices across the country. For more information, please visit JFI’s website, <http://www.jasonfoundation.com>

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