### Who is B1?





Gary LeVox, Jay DeMarcus and Joe Don Rooney, the members who make up the country group, Rascal Flatts, have been involved

in many philanthropic and charitable endeavors throughout their career and believe in the gift of giving back. Rascal Flatts and The Jason Foundation, Inc. decided to come together to fight for a cause that Rascal Flatts truly believe needs attention—youth suicide prevention. In addition to their roles as celebrity ambassadors and participation in public service announcements, public awareness programs, and fundraising, Rascal Flatts promotes the **B1** Project.

www.rascalflatts.com

The Jason Foundation, Inc. (JFI) is an educational organization dedicated to the awareness and prevention of youth suicide. JFI provides tools and resources for students, parents and

teachers/youth workers to help them identify and assist at-risk youth. This is accomplished through a series of programs including the **B1** Project.

www.jasonfoundation.com

Let Rascal Flatts
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B1 for a friend at
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The **Jason Foundation** 

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#### Disclaimer:

Although The Jason Foundation, Inc. and our partners make every effort to insure our programs professionally address the problem of youth suicide, no one program can guarantee to prevent youth suicide. Our program's goal is to provide educational materials that will help equip you to recognize "signs of concern". Professional help should always be sought whenever there is a possibility of suicidal ideation.

NEVER TRY TO SOLVE THIS TYPE OF PROBLEM WITHOUT OBTAINING PROFESSIONAL HELP.







# Rascal Flatts and The Jason Foundation are working together to prevent youth suicide.

## What is the B1 Project?

The purpose of the **B1** Project is to educate youth, students, youth workers, and parents on recognizing the warning signs of youth suicide and how to help a friend, family member, or loved one.

**B1** is designed to be quick, informative, and target the most important aspects of youth suicide prevention.

Think about it . . . the 2nd most likely thing to take a young person is suicide. Yet, no one ever talks about it until a tragedy occurs. That's why The Jason Foundation and Rascal Flatts call youth suicide "The Silent Epidemic".



## Who can take the B1 Pledge?

The **B1** Pledge is for anyone and everyone.

You may have a brother or sister, a son or daughter, a player on your athletic team, a student, or a neighbor who is at-risk for suicide.

If a young person looks to you for help – are you ready to B1 for them?

Participating in the **B1** Pledge is a proactive step towards taking some of the silence out of the "Silent Epidemic". B1 will help you to recognize warning signs and develop a plan of action to help someone who may be struggling.

Learn How YOU Can B1 for a Friend Take the B1 Pledge!

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### The 3 B's

### **BE AWARE**

Be aware and understand the problem of youth suicide. It is the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 10-24. (2015CDC WISQARS) Suicide is preventable!

#### **BE ABLE**

Be able to identify signs of concern in a friend who may be struggling.

- Suicide threats
- Depression
- Anger, increased irritability
- Lack of interest in activities they once enjoyed
- Sudden increase/ decrease in appetite
- Sudden changes in appearance
- Dwindling academic performance
- Preoccupation with death and suicide
- Previous suicide attempts

### BE PREPARED

You should never be afraid to talk to someone who may be depressed or at-risk. At the very least, they will know there is someone who cares for them. You should also have an action plan in case a friend or family member shows signs of suicidal ideation. Taking the **B1** pledge will help you to "Be Prepared".