



Who was Graham E. Smith?

Graham E. Smith was born April 28, 1984 in Plano, Texas. He was the son of Katherine Massey and step-son of life-long Farmington Hills resident Ken Massey.

He was a good friend of many in his adopted Farmington Hills community, where he attended North Farmington High School, as well as where he resided in Carrollton, Texas.

Graham succeeded through the routine ups and downs of any teenager. He faced the same pressures and challenges we all have in finding our way into adulthood.

Just as he seemed to have established a foothold – a steady job as a restaurant manager, a used truck, a new girlfriend, and a circle of new friends - Graham made a single, rash decision late one night to take his life at the young age of 27, leaving all who knew him in grief and disbelief.

While the loss of Graham cannot be reversed, his memory is honored by working to prevent others from making the same tragic mistake.

GRAHAM E. SMITH MEMORIAL FUND

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OPENING THE DIALOGUE ABOUT SUICIDE PREVENTION

Our Vision

A world without suicide.

Our Mission

Support community education on mental health, suicide prevention, and enhance overall community wellness.

All contributions to the Graham E. Smith Memorial Fund are used to support this mission. Activities and programs of the Farmington SAFE are financed by funds raised by the Graham E. Smith Memorial Fund.



The **Graham E. Smith Memorial Fund** is run entirely by unpaid volunteers and all monies donated are used towards the mission. Farmington SAFE, Suicide Awareness for Everyone, is a nonprofit, volunteer only organization based out of Farmington/Farmington Hills Michigan that does community outreach and education on the prevention of suicide.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

There are too many others that we know – that you may know – that face a similar situation.

What can we do **NOW** as a community?

We have stepped up as a community to make a difference and raise the awareness of the difficult conversation of mental illness.

How can your community help?

- Organize your community SAFE
- Solicit volunteers to help spread the word about suicide prevention
- Start a fund raising group to support the effort of local suicide education and prevention



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GRAHAM E. SMITH MEMORIAL FUND FUNDRAISERS

We are dedicated to holding to main fundraisers per year:

GRAND TAVERN SPAGHETTI DINNER

With the assistance of the Grand Tavern restaurant in Farmington Hills, we have been extremely successful in hosting an annual community spaghetti dinner, silent auction, and raffle.



This has been a great opportunity to bring the community together and promote the awareness of suicide prevention.



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COMMUNITY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

In 2014, the community came together to host its first annual Graham E. Smith Community Softball Tournament. This event serves to raise mental health awareness in a fun environment.

As we are a Community that Cares, we can come together, deal with difficult issues and enjoy ourselves at the same time.

Community teams, public safety teams, business teams, city departmental teams and others participate to make this a great success.



The annual event is held on the first Saturday in August. Come out, meet your neighbors, play ball support mental health activities in our Community.



Rosters do fill fast, so if you would like more information, or to enter your team, please contact us, or the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services at 248.473.1800.

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