## **REBECCA 'Becca' EMME**



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- Program Director, Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program<sup>®</sup>, Light for Life Foundation International, 1994-present
- Board Member, Mental Health Advisory Board for Service Standards & Regulations (27-10 Board) Colorado Department of Human Services July 2000 – 2012 Governor Appointed
- Founding/Current Member Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado, Jan 1999, Chair Jan 1999 – May 1999, Vice-Chair May 1999 - 2003
- Panel Member, Citizen's Advisory Board, to the Governors Suicide Prevention Advisory Commission 1998
- Lived Experience /Survivor, lost brother, Michael Emme 1994
- \* Medical Assistant & EMT for 17 Years in North Denver area

Becca is a lead trainer for the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program<sup>®</sup> and spoken to thousands of people, adults and youth alike; Schools, Churches, Service Organizations, EMS, Mental Health Organizations and many more.

Becca has worked with her parents, Dale and Dar Emme since the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program<sup>®</sup> (YRSPP) began in September 1994. The Emmes founded the program following the loss of their youngest son, Michael at age 17 in September 1994.

YELLOW RIBBON SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM® has...

- Created and developed a comprehensive program which is offered worldwide through seminars, workshops, in-services and presentations Addressed and worked with over 200,000 youth through presentations, seminars and workshops.
- Created an international Yellow Ribbon Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week (YRSAPW) which is observed annually the third full week of September.
- Worked to obtain, and have received, proclamations by governors throughout the U.S., Australia and Canada declaring the Prevention Week in their local state and countries.
- Worked with Ron Packard (D) CA and Mark Udall (D) CO as they co-sponsor a House Resolution #286 1999 recognizing the YRSAPW.
- Gained national endorsement for Yellow Ribbon by the American Osteopathic Association

The Emmes and the staff continue to develop chapters in all states of the U.S. and foreign division chapters in Australia, Canada and New Zealand. They have received over 75,000+ letters, emails and phone calls from people of all ages throughout the world.