



Dale &amp; Dar Emme

## **DALE AND DARLENE 'DAR' EMME**

- ♦ Co-Founders -**Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program**®, Light For Life Fnd. Int'l & serve as Executive and Deputy Directors.
- ♦ **Lived Experience / Survivors**, lost son, Michael Emme 1994
- ♦ **Consultants:** developing state plans/state coalitions and community
- ♦ **Trainers:** community development and suicide prevention training
- ♦ **Commissioner(s):**  
CO Suicide Prevention Advisory Commission 1998 (Dale & Dar)  
CO Suicide Prevention Commission 2015- (Dale)
- ♦ **Advocates:**  
2001 Helped develop the **Colorado State Plan** for Suicide Prevention  
2001 Assisted in creating the **CO Office of Suicide Prevention**  
2001-2005 **CO Office of Suicide Prevention Advisory Board**
- ♦ **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – CSS, Consumers Survivors Subcommittee 2008-2020** (Dar)  
-- Yellow Ribbon is the first national organization to endorse and use the original national hotline 1-800-SUICIDE on all materials and the Ask4Help Card. We continued to advocate for, and were instrumental in helping establish the current national hotline 1-800-273-TALK.
- ♦ **Suicide Prevention Coalition of CO (SPCC),**  
-- Founding Members. 1999-current  
-- Board Member (Dale) 2001- Current, Vice-Chair (Dale) 2001-04 & 2017-2020
- ♦ **National Council for Suicide Prevention**, 1999-2015 Founding Members,
- ♦ National judges - **Alliance of the American Psychiatric Association's** *When Not to Keep A Secret* national essay contest
- ♦ Obtained **national endorsement** from the **American Osteopathic Association**
- ♦ **Authors:** *'I'll Always Be With You'* (*Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul*) and *'Legacy of the Yellow Mustang'*®
- ♦ Created an international **Yellow Ribbon Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week** in September 1995.
  - ♦ **U.S. House Resolution 286** recognizing the Week (9.9.1999)
  - ♦ **U.S. Senate Concurrent Resolution 119**, recognizing the Week (9.14.2004)
- ♦ **Governors** throughout give proclamations declaring the Prevention Week.
- ♦ Created a comprehensive program which is offered worldwide through seminars, workshops, in-services and presentations. They have addressed and worked with over 650,000 youth.

### **Appeared in:**

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| ♦ <u>Chicken Soup For The Soul - #3 Serving</u> | ♦ PEOPLE MAGAZINE                             |
| ♦ WOMAN'S WORLD                                 | ♦ Television: Channels 7, 9 & 12 – Denver, CO |
| ♦ <u>Chicken Soup For The Teenage Soul</u>      | ♦ Denver Post - Denver, Colorado              |
| ♦ FAMILY CIRCLE MAGAZINE                        | ♦ Rocky Mountain News - Denver, Colorado      |
| ♦ GOOD MORNING AMERICA                          | ♦ Newspapers throughout the U.S.              |
| ♦ The OPRAH Show                                | (Partial list)                                |

### **Awards and Recognition's: (Partial List)**

- ♦ **'Westminster Man and Woman of the Year'** Chamber of Commerce, Westminster., CO, 2000
- ♦ **7 Everyday Heroes** by KMGH Channel 7-ABC, Denver CO, 1999
- ♦ Dar: **Power of One** award from U.S. Representative Scott McInnis R-CO 2003
- ♦ Dar: **9 Who Care Award**, KUSA-NBC, Denver, CO 2002
- ♦ Dale: El Pomar Non Profit Executive Leadership Program, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 2002