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Chair of the Board of Directors for Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program.

Welcome! My name is Richard I am from Dodge City Kansas. I am married with 3 children. My wife is a therapist with Catholic Charities, my oldest daughter graduated from Kansas State University, where she was the drum major for the K-State Band. My middle son graduated from Wichita State University and works in finance, and I have a 18 year old who will finish up high school this year.

I started out as a musician performing throughout the Midwest and would later write instrumental music. I attended Dodge City Community College as a music major where I earned 3 academic awards and was outstanding president of the Kansas Region for Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society. I would then attend Ft. Hays State for human services degree. I became a supervisor for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility. I have worked with violent offender kids, sexual offenders and also younger behavioral kids for 10 years. While supervising these cottages I was a trainer for Therapeutic Crisis Intervention and Trauma Informed Care.

In 2014 I came to Compass Behavioral Health to supervise the Community Base Services program where we work with kids 3 to 18 years old who have behavioral and mental health disorders. That same year Compass asked me if I would become a trainer for the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program because we were seeing a large number of kids struggling with suicide attempts and depression. I was certified and began training our community. Since then I have trained in over 30 school districts in Kansas helping teens with depression and suicides.

In 2017 I was asked to be on the board of Yellow Ribbon International which I would later become the Chair of the Board of Directors for Light for Life Foundation / Yellow Ribbon International. I continue to train teens and adults in suicide prevention, give presentations and meet amazing people from around the world who are all part of our large Yellow Ribbon Family.