



PEACE, LOVE, AND SOBRIETY

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM #SAD

Hello, Friends!

Central Arkansas Drug Summit

Big News

Santa arrived early this year! Yesterday we received the IRS notification letter confirming that Speakup About Drugs is now a 501(c) 3 public charity! We, along with a growing group of supporters, look forward to 2018 and continuing our mission of offering awareness, education and resources to individuals and families in Arkansas as we work to eliminate substance abuse and overdose.



And We Continue To Grow

Our facebook page, @speakupaboutdrugs, has grown to almost 500, targeted and engaged followers, with another 130 on Instagram. It's helpful to connect with individuals across the state of Arkansas and around the country who are concerned about the drastic increase in drug use, the opioid epidemic and escalating overdose rate in the US, learn and share valuable information from those who have walked this journey, and lend an ear to those who want someone to listen. Like our pages to stay up to date with the latest stats

and happenings and to join in the conversation.

Thank You, From Our Family To Yours

As we prepare for our first Christmas without Tristan we are reminded that God sent Jesus to us, as a baby in a manager, to live, and to die, as one of us. God gave up His only



begotten Son, so that whomever believes in Him may have eternal life. And Mary, Jesus' mother, knew the devastating loss of a son she loved so much. We believe that Tristan, along with the tens of thousands who died this year from overdose, are enjoying eternal life, released from the pain and suffering of their earthly life. And like Mary, though we experienced this heartache and pain of losing our child, have faith that God's plan is bigger than ours. So though it's

not the life we would have chosen, we believe we are called to Speakup and make a positive impact in the lives of others.

Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement and your support to do this work.

Merry Christmas, Gina&Pat Allgaier Tadd&Tina Thomas







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