What if I told you in the last 6 hours we just lost someone who may have cured cancer and it was preventable? or maybe the next John Lennon? Problem is we will never know because every 6 hours we are losing a part of our future to suicide. According to the North Carolina State center for health statistics the rate of youth suicide has almost doubled over the last 10 years. Every suicide is preventable if we as a community can reach out and find a way to help those who need it. That is why Intercoastal Roofing of Southport has joined other businesses like Cape Fear Regional Jetport to help make a difference

“Just a few weeks ago, I stopped in to check on a new business, Intercoastal Roofing. Owner JT expressed wanting to be a part of enriching our community. We spoke about many things that day. Within a week, JT contacted me and said she would like do an event bringing awareness to youth suicides. We thought that since September is Suicide Awareness Month, it would be the perfect time to host an event.  “Says Community Resource Officer CPL Kristy DeMello says.

“ After speaking to Officer CPL Kristy DeMello and learning the impact suicide is having in Brunswick County I knew we had to step up and help “ says JT Mariotte “ We started to speak to other local companies and the BE THE ONE event was born”

BE THE ONE is an unique charity event that is designed to not only bring awareness to the damage suicide is doing to our community but has 2 other goals as well – the First is to raise money for Local organizations that provide prevention and public education programs, advocacy, and therapeutic support services.

“I am extremely fortunate that my job as a Community Resource Officer gives me the opportunity to speak with people in the community and listen to what their struggles and frustrations are. Some common themes that resonate through our community today are the very adult problems that our youth are facing, which end in suicide more than we care to mention. “ Officer CPL Kristy Demello says.

Our second goal for BE THE ONE is to provide a positive event for youth who have overcome obstacles and are working hard toward a brighter future.

”Our community /volunteer service program at Cape Fear Regional Jetport puts us on the front line seeing today's youth with no skills drive and a bleak outlook on life. It is up to us now more than ever to show, guide and focused today's youth on a path of success not mediocracy -a hand up not a hand out too many of our youth do not know what it is to have a skill a goal or how to get them and in turn they throw in the towel at such a young age never knowing there is a life out there waiting for them we hope to change that by supporting this very important event and what it stands for “say’s David Mason Chief of Maintenance at the airport.

This September 14th semi-formal event- BE THE ONE will be held in the New Senator Bill Rabon Teminal at Howe Franklin Field in the Cape Fear Regional Jetport. It will include a silent auction and A fashion show with some of the areas hardest working young adults. Each will be showcasing fashions from local stores like Klassy Konsiment Owner Heather Orr says “We are looking forward to being a part of such an inspiring event. Helping others is what makes the world a better place.”

Why is it Called BE THE ONE- simple.

 “BE THE ONE to ask for help if you need it. BE THE ONE to offer to help. BE THE ONE to make a difference and show up on September 14 at 6:30. “says founder JT Mariotte “It will be a fun event filled with music and great food all for a wonderful cause - Everyone dust of your sequins so Brunswick counties Youth can shine”

“I would like to express my sincere gratitude to JT (Intercoastal Roofing), Cape Fear Regional Jetport and all other businesses, community partners and personnel that are coming together to make “Be The One” a successful event.”

Tickets are $20 before the event and $25.00 at the door. For more information email JT Mariotte at jt@intercoastalroofingNC.com.