

Dear Upstander,

On December 19, 1991, our lives were filled with much joy, happiness, excitement and promise when our family was blessed with the birth of our 3rd son. In that moment and for the next 18 years our family felt whole and complete.

Over those short 18 years Tyler added much love, laughter energy, and an abundance of wonderful sweet-sounding music to our home and lives.



Tyler loved and enjoyed all things merry and festive, but one of his very favorite festivities, as with many children, was always his birthday.

He loved being surrounded by friends and family, all sharing in and celebrating his special day with fun games, good food, lots of balloons and of course, gifts!

We can no longer be with and surround Tyler on his special day. But we can celebrate his memory by making sure that no other young person

suffers the same pain, shame and humiliation that Tyler endured after he was cyberbullied in September of 2010, shortly before his death by suicide.

<u>Please help us to remember and honor Tyler's birth and life by taking three simple action steps</u> today:

- 1) Join us this week in celebrating Tyler's life by making a gift to show your love and support of his foundation. Your birthday gift will help Joe, myself and the entire team at Tyler's Foundation continue to improve lives by preventing all online and offline bullying in schools, workplaces, and faith communities.
- 2) Sign the Tyler Clementi Foundation's <u>Upstander Pledge</u> today.
 - Promise to be kind and respectful, showing empathy to everyone, not despite our difference but because our differences make us special, precious, and worthy to be celebrated.
 - If you witness someone being harrassed, intimidated or bullied don't remain a passive bystander, be an active Upstander, someone who stands up and speaks out! Intervene by interrupting the situation and/or reaching out to the target to make sure they are safe, know where their resoures are, and most importantly, that they are not alone.
- 3) Once you sign the <u>Upstander Pledge</u>, share it with three of your friends and tell them why it is so important for them to become an Upstander.

Together we can make a difference: **one Upstander Pledge**...**and one gift**...at a time.

My heartfelt thanks for all the love and support you have shown our family over the years.

With gratitude and peace,

Jane Clementi

Co-Founder and CEO



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The Tyler Clementi Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to end online and offline bullying in schools, workplaces, and faith communities.





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