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## Every year, we lose the equivalent of an entire medical school to suicide.

Greetings!

August 15, 2016

Imagine your excitement as a parent getting ready to attend your child's graduation from medical school. Instead, you attend his funeral--yet another medical student suicide victim. *And statistics show no improvement even when a medical student becomes a doctor.*



According to **Ashley Maltz, MD** and **Pamela Wible, MD**:

*"Medical student and physician suicide is an epidemic. It is estimated that 400 doctors die by suicide in the United States each year. That's the equivalent of an entire medical school gone! The second leading cause of death among medical students is suicide--a well-known occupational hazard in medicine. Yet no medical organization is tracking these suicides. Why? And how can we solve a problem when it's hidden from us?"*

Lacey Kohlmoos, an Online Organizing Strategist at Care2 Petitions and wife of a 4th year medical student, is championing **National Day of Solidarity to Prevent Physician Suicide** in Philadelphia on Saturday, August 20th to bring awareness to this dire situation.

**Find a National Day of Solidarity event near you!**

This event is also happening simultaneously in 11 cities across the country, each with its own lineup of speakers and activities, in case you can not make it to Philadelphia:

**Athens, OH**

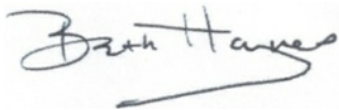
Austin, TX  
Chicago, IL  
Cleveland, OH  
Dublin, OH  
Harrogate, TN  
Kansas City, MO  
Middletown, NY  
Philadelphia, PA  
Saint Louis, MO  
Washington, DC

The more awareness we raise, the more we can speak with one voice--a voice of solidarity--to find the root causes of physician and medical student suicide, and promote solutions to turn the tide.

Fulfilling a life's passion to care for others shouldn't mean personal suffering--*or worse*.

**MORE INFORMATION**

In partnership,



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It's super simple for anyone -- even busy med students! -- to support BRI's work. With student memberships for as little as \$25, and other memberships as low as \$50, you can promote BRI's success financially, as well as by sharing these BRI newsletters, BRI Events, and blog posts with your friends and colleagues.

To give you an idea of what \$25 can do (\$50 doubles these results!):

- Provide lunch for 5 or 6 attendees at a noontime lecture
- Publish and promote a student-authored blog post that touches many readers
- Cover mailing a Chapter-in-a-Box to a new chapter, with money left over
- ... and much more.

Thank you. Memberships run year-to-year, and are renewable on each anniversary. Don't worry; we'll send you reminders!

**Join or Donate Today!**

Physician and medical student suicide needs to become a national dialogue, so that its causes can be addressed, and remedies can be found. Be part of the solution!



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