

Our Loved Ones are the Faces of the Opioid Crisis



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#### Who Are We?

We represent affected moms in Simcoe County who have been impacted by the Opioid crisis. The losses we have experienced motivated us to take action against this epidemic. Our goals are to help other families deal with this disaster and have the Canadian government declare this a national emergency.



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#### What you need to know...

Between January 2016 and July 2019, over 13,900 young Canadians died of opioid overdoses. In over 70% of these overdoses, toxic Fentanyl or Carfentanil were mixed with other drugs without the knowledge of the victims who died.



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### **Opioid Facts**

- 94% of opioid overdose deaths happen by accident
- Young Canadians aged 15 to 24 are the fastest-growing population requiring hospital care from Opioid overdoses

Do you think Opioid overdoses are a national emergency?

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#### WE DO!

We need your help to convince the Canadian government that the Opioid usage is out of control and taking Canadian lives at an alarming rate.

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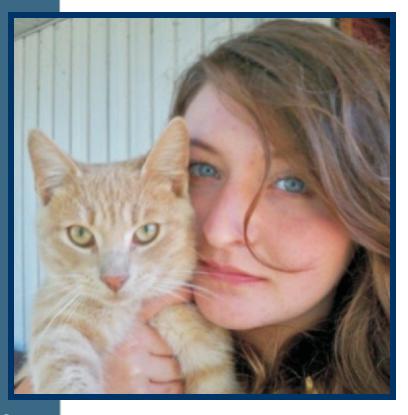
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### Erika

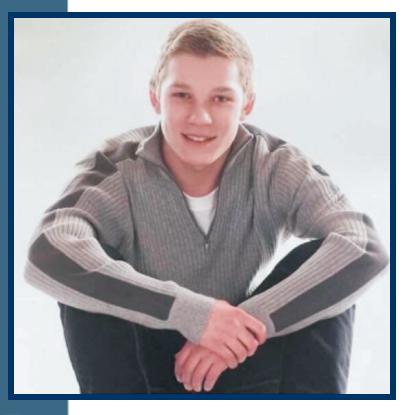
Forever 32

"Erika's kindness and generosity to others, especially to those less fortunate, was an innate blessing cradled deep within her beautiful soul. Opioid addiction and unavailable treatment space caused sorrow beyond words."



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### Luke

Forever 19

"Luke we miss you more than words can say. The pain never goes away. We're thankful for the time we had with you. Your kind loving heart, laughter, wit, humour, smile, voice, everything about you, is never forgotten. You live on in our hearts. Until we meet again my dear Son.



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## Lindsay

Forever 31

"We will forever miss your beautiful smile and the sound of your laughter. The love you shared with your children can never be replaced. We will live every day missing you."



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## Shylynn

Forever 22

"Shylynn was and still is a beautiful precious, young, loving, strong spirit. She battled her addiction for some time before she began her sobriety journey on Dec 12, 2018. On April 14, 2019, she lost her battle at the young age of 22. Her family misses her everyday."



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### **Daniel**

Forever 43

"We miss your loving hugs, smile, sense of humour and zest for life. Your spirit lives on through your book about your struggles with addiction and recovery, and through your beautiful stone sculptures. Taken too soon by fentanyl, you are etched in our hearts and loved forever – Love Mom, Dad, Karen and TJ."



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### Dorian

Forever 31

"Dorian had a very charismatic personality.
People were drawn to him. But he also had a dark side where he was unreachable. Always on the move, every day he had a different agenda. He loved to help those he could. Always a comedian making humorous impersonations with exaggerated facial expressions, he made everyone laugh. Dorian was a complicated, bright, gifted individual who was taken too early. Always Loved and never forgotten."



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### Ada

Forever 28

"Ada was a beautiful, intelligent, creative, and very funny young woman with a heart of gold. She loved her animals and always wanted to help others less fortunate. Rest in Peace Ada. You are missed every day."



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### Chad

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"Our baby boy, loving Brother, fun Uncle, best friend and most importantly a fabulous Daddy has been taken from us forever thanks to fentanyl/morphine. Chad's passion was his love for the water but most of all for his little girl. We miss him every minute of every day."



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### Dustin

### **SURVIVOR OF OVERDOSE** *Age 33*

"Dustin, age 33, is a survivor of opioid overdose and a recovering addict. As an advocate and inspiring speaker, he shares his story about his continuous struggles with addiction and raises awareness about the risks of toxic drugs in our communities. Dustin is completing a College program and hopes to become an Addiction Counsellor. He volunteers and works part-time with the Canadian Mental Health Association in Simcoe County."

Dustin - Your voice is raising awareness and helping to influence change and we are truly grateful.



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### Maclean

Forever 21

"Maclean was an uber artistic, kind, and very intelligent young man. He died outside and alone, only 1 km from the college in Barrie. His life as taken by fentanyl and carfentanyl. His love for life will never be forgotten."



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## Madisyn

Forever 19

"Madisyn Sears was an incredibly loving, compassionate, beautiful, young woman with goals and dreams for the future. She leaves behind two young children and a brother. Madisyn, your voice, smile and love are missed every day!

Madisyn: our ANGEL now."



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### Matthew

Forever 38

"Forever loved, forever remembered, forever missed by your mother, stepfather, son, and grandmother. We will cherish your memory always."



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### Tim

Forever 36

"What a charismatic man Tim was and is. With his boyish chuckle and wit, Tim left a lasting impression on everyone. He strived to please us all at any cost. Tim has a kind and giving heart and very free spirited! He is our angel now, loved and sadly missed by family and friends".



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### **Tyson**

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"Tyson was an amazing young man who lost his battle with Anxiety, Depression and OCD. Tyson will forever be remembered by many friends and family as a talented guitarist who was a loving, caring and generous person whose death has left a gaping hole in the lives of those who knew him."



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