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Headline: Writing Program is Collecting Stories for The Bully Diaries Volume II

Through a unique and innovative community partnership with Stand for the Silent, Writing for the Soul Workshop™ adapted its writing program to give children and adults impacted by bullying a voice. The memoirs, art and poetry that the program collected from around the world in 2014 included the disabilities community, and was published in *The Bully Diaries Volume I*. This life-saving book is now part of the Pieces of Me series.

The Writing for the Soul Workshop™ philosophy is based on the fact that powerful emotions have a powerful voice; and that when students get what's on the inside out, they can then take control of those feelings. Self-confidence is one of the best defenses against bullying, and sharing those experiences not only showed survivors that they are not alone, but has literally saved lives.

Chances are that you experienced bullying in your life. Whether your experience was as a victim, a

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community.”**

Former Mayor Robert Stevens, City of Springfield, Missouri.

bystander, or the bully, if you search your memories, you will probably find instances when bullying was a part of your life. For many of us, these experiences have defined us and shaped us. Our experiences made us stronger, and helped us become who we are today.

When you are being bullied, it is hard to think about much more than getting through today. For others, there is no today. Their experience of being bullied was too overwhelming, and drove them to a devastating and permanent solution to the temporary pain. The founder of Stand For The Silent knows this all too well. He lost his son Ty.

“Ty had a big heart and always had a big smile for everyone. He loved to hunt and help others. Ty was small for his age. Two years of being bullied was just too much for him. He retaliated against the bully and was suspended. We lost Ty on May 13th, 2010.” -Kirk, Stand For The Silent.

Stand For The Silent exists as an anti-bullying platform that has allowed Kirk and his wife Laura to travel and speak to over a million students around the world. The memoirs, art and poetry we collect will be published in *The Bully Diaries Volume II*. \$3 from every book and eBook sold will help Kirk and Laura to continue their life-saving work. To submit your work for inclusion in the book, simply visit www.writingforthesoulworkshop.org and click on The Bully Diaries Project.

The Bully Diaries Volume I is available on Amazon. Deadline for submissions is March 31, 2018. For more information, send questions to Eric's email: ejones@tgimonline.us.

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