

Does your health and safety training need a reality check? Have your employees “heard it all before”?

Health and safety injury statistics can become meaningless and impersonal. But Threads of Life speakers tell the real stories behind the numbers and reveals the devastating impact of workplace tragedies on families, co-workers, managers and the community.

“When I first found out the speaker was so young I wondered - How can she have any life experience to talk to 100 construction workers? Will my guys respect her and listen? Well, she is an inspiring young lady. I felt her pain and the pain of her family. She kept everyone engaged with every word she said. I have never seen so many men (and a few women) so quiet. You could hear a pin drop. She impacted their lives more than they were expecting.”

- Health and Safety Coordinator at a major construction firm.



Members of the Speakers Bureau are volunteers who have been affected by a workplace fatality, life-altering injury, or occupational disease. They are parents, spouses and friends. They are united in their courage and conviction that sharing their personal story will prevent further injuries in the workplace.

More than 60,000 people have already heard our message, at company health and safety events, union events, conferences, schools, Day of Mourning and many others.

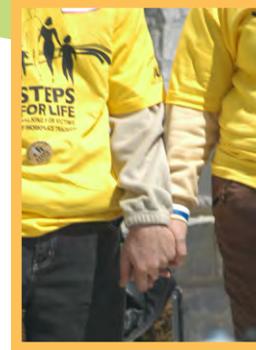
To book a speaker for your next health and safety training event, please contact us at 1-888-567-9490 or speakersbureau@threadsoflife.ca.

Our Supporters

Threads of Life’s three core services (Family Support, Community Action and Partnerships) are funded through a blend of project funding from provincial agencies and compensation boards, grants from federal bodies and provincial victim services agencies, as well as corporate sponsorship and donations. We also receive significant in-kind support. Funds raised from the annual Steps for Life walk are directed to family support programs and services. These funds help bring families of workplace tragedy to the regional Family Forums.

“Threads of Life gave us a purpose in the face of our tragedy, helped us share with others who are struggling with devastating loss and has given us the opportunity to help others by sharing our story.”

- Heather Dahmer’s husband Jim recently died from exposure to asbestos.



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Helping families along their journey of healing

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Who We Are



“People tell us it will get better; it will go away and I’m telling you they don’t know. We think about Jim every day.”

-Jim Sandford’s son Jim Jr. died while working on an elevator

Threads of Life is a registered national charity dedicated to supporting families along their journey of healing after they have experienced a workplace fatality, life-altering injury or illness. Threads of Life is the Charity of Choice for health and safety events.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to help families heal through a community of support and to promote the elimination of life-altering workplace injuries, illnesses and deaths.

OUR VISION

Threads of Life will lead and inspire a culture shift, as a result of which work-related injuries, illnesses and deaths are morally, socially and economically unacceptable.

“I can see that our journey of loss dealing with our son’s devastating injury and how we will handle it for the rest of our lives is similar to the journey that everyone else in this room is facing.”

- Dad of a traumatically injured worker, participating in a regional Family Forum

Family Support Programs and Services

Threads of Life offers families a support network of people who have experienced similar pain and suffering from a workplace tragedy. Programs and services for family members include:

VOLUNTEER FAMILY GUIDES

The first one-on-one peer support program in the world delivered by trained volunteers to those who have experienced a workplace injury, illness or fatality. Volunteer Family Guides have experienced their own workplace tragedy, and offer warmth, acceptance and a listening ear. This program compliments existing social services and fills a need for families suffering from these tragic life-changing events.

FAMILY FORUMS

Regional Family Forums give families and friends the chance to connect with others and share their experiences while learning practical information and strategies for coping with grief.

NEWSLETTER

Threads, a free quarterly newsletter features the personal stories of those affected by a workplace tragedy, along with poems, reference material, and news on upcoming Threads of Life initiatives.

Threads of Life also offers links to community support services and advisory support regarding workplace investigations and inquest processes.

COMMUNITY ACTION

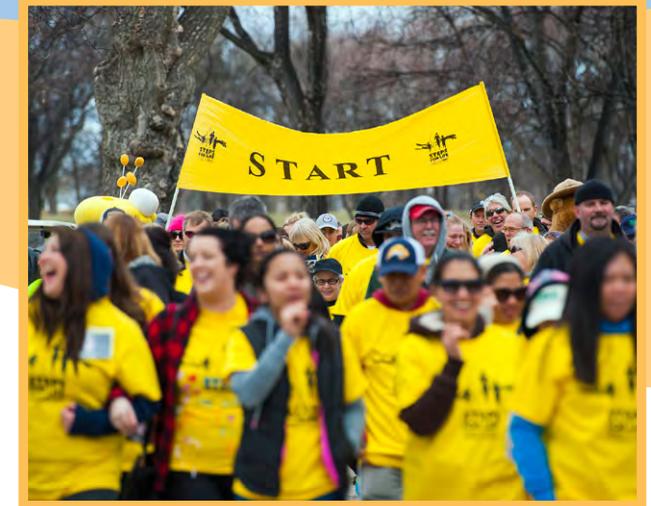
Our Community Action Program empowers families of workplace tragedy to raise awareness and accountability for workplace health and safety by joining the Speakers Bureau and/or by participating in the annual Steps for Life event.

FORGET ME NOT



The first book about Canadian stories of workplace tragedy from the families’ perspective is a valuable addition to your health and safety training program. \$19.99 including taxes.

Steps for Life — Walking for Families of Workplace Tragedy www.stepsforlife.ca



“The energy of the walk was so strong with those people coming together for inspiration and hope.”

-Widow

Every year on the first Sunday in May, corporate leaders and families across Canada walk together to raise awareness about the importance of injury prevention. Steps for Life is the primary fundraising event for Threads of Life and is a fun and positive way to express commitment to workplace health and safety. Sponsoring this event and/or entering your corporate team is a healthy and rewarding way to build team spirit, participate in the launch of North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) week, re-ignite the passion and vision for zero injuries and help support families affected by a workplace tragedy.

STEPS FOR LIFE SPONSORS

- Receive recognition as good corporate citizens promoting occupational health and safety in word and deed;
- Lead and inspire a culture shift where work-related injuries and illnesses are morally, socially and economically unacceptable;
- Are highlighted in event media relations and on-site media coverage.

For more information on sponsorship and team entries please visit www.stepsforlife.ca or www.threadsoflife.ca.

