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AND A PANEL OF EXPERTS

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As one child psychologist put it, “When you sit with broken hearted kids who are cutting and want to die, it’s f’ing gut wrenching. That might be offensive, but my hope is you are more offended by the cutting and dying than the profanity.”

These are the words of a local child psychologist whose clients are largely children who have been involved in bullying.

No one wants to talk about it. No one wants to admit it’s happening. No one wants to believe their children could be involved. Bullying is real and it effects thousands of children and adults each day.

- 160,000 kids skip school each day for fear of being bullied
- 30% of kids who have been bullied report they have brought weapons to school to protect their self
- Bullying played a role in 2/3 of the 37 school shootings reviewed by the US Secret Service
- Workplace bullying accounts for \$19B in lost employment and \$3B in lost productivity
- Bullies are 5 times more likely to have serious criminal records
- 71% of children indicate they have witnessed bullying in their schools

This is why we are asking your support in bringing this subject to the forefront of our thinking. Join us, Justin Furstenfeld of Blue October and a panel of law enforcement, educators, sport celebrities, mental health professionals and advocates at the historic Arkansas Municipal Auditorium on February 28th as we tackle this crisis and work to effect change in our local community. Donations will be used to purchase tickets for local residents who would benefit from this, as well as bringing anti-bullying programs to local organizations.

It’s time the discussion begins openly and honestly. It’s time we face the facts about bullying and work to change the story. Change who we are as humans, change who our children are as humans and change the future for thousands of people affected by this crisis here in Texarkana.

- When bystanders intervene, 57% of the time bullying stops within 10 seconds
- Bullying is reduced by 50% in schools with anti-bullying programs

It’s time to create upstanders instead of bystanders, victors instead of victims and empathy instead of bullies.

It’s time to rewrite the story.

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