



DECC Weekly Update: Wednesday, September 23, 2015

TEAM DECC presents: Charles and Ramona Odom, Denver International Airport & Denver Human Services
Featured Nonprofit: Deo's Dream

In 2013 we lost our son to suicide. He left notes asking us to help others like him choose to live. As a result, we founded Deo's Dream: Keeping People Alive with the intent to spread suicide awareness, assist with counseling, and educate people about suicide and mental illness with the hope of removing the stigma surrounding discussion of these sensitive topics. We provide resource cards, and facilitate talks about all aspects of the subject.



This week's featured agency: **Deo's Dream**

Mission Statement

We are committed to demonstrating the love and kindness taught to us by Daniel. Deo's dream for us was that we would reach hurting people from all walks of life offering hope and encouraging them to choose to live.



Deo's Dream is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in honor of Daniel Amadeo "Deo" Odom, who died by suicide on July 19, 2013 at the age of 23. The organization focuses on suicide prevention, raising awareness about mental illness and suicide, helping people find the help they need, and promoting the philosophy of treating others the way you want to be treated. The organization is currently using a three-tiered approach to accomplish these goals. The first involves a street team that distributes resources and other information about how and where people in need can find help. The second tier of this approach is a care packages program. These small packages include a little teddy bear, a message from Deo's Dream about the loss experience, and a list of resources specifically tailored to survivors of suicide loss. The final strategy used is a program called Home for the Holidays. This involves providing the financial support required by college students to travel home during the holiday season.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Deo's Dream.