

Dear World,
Christmas was David's favorite holiday. His smile and infectious joy never failed to light up the room.

But last Christmas holiday, David, my 16-year old brother, tragically took his own life after enduring months of bullying. Not from the kind of bullies that push you into lockers. The kind that cover behind user names and fake profiles from miles away, constantly berating and abusing good, innocent people. This past year without him has been the most painstaking of my life. Fighting to breathe life into his legacy, to subdue the hate he and so many others have endured and continue to endure, has gifted me strength and purpose.

The only way to end suffering in this nation, whether it be from bullying or discrimination, is not to highlight differences between groups of people but to focus on the importance of accountability and character. This holiday season show kindness to strangers. Share your light with others whose light might not be shining so bright. Only together can we be the beacon of hope this world needs.

Peace,
Cliff

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