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I lost my precious grandson, Ronnie-Ray Cash Root, to teen suicide on February 2024.

This child was so full of life, funny and had made plans for his future. He was only 16, so very young! He had lost his Dad 2 years earlier tragically in a fire on February 26, 2022. We knew he missed his Dad but had no clue it was so painful for him that he couldn't talk

to us!! Or anyone else!]

The devastation of loss and the if only, what didn't I see? Some may call suicide selfish ,maybe so, I cannot imagine pain so deep ?? that you just can't handle it!

The pain of losing him is very debilitating at times! Our hearts are broken, we miss our young man!

Suicide has always been a taboo subject, and I support anything that can be done to help any child or older person that needs help!

October 9th as a designated day is very good but ours will always be February 21st!

I'm not a person of many words or even know how to express my opinion at times but I do know our young people need an outlet, less screen time , I personally would sit in my car and just scream and cry to ease the pain! But this isn't about me!

Teen Suicide Awareness, we need a way to help these precious souls!