

On March 5, 2012, our daughter Sarah ended her battle with despair and hopelessness brought on by the chemical imbalances of Bipolar Disorder. She developed the disorder at 19 and fought desperately for 2 ½ years to beat it. We adored Sarah. There is no end to missing her. We cannot describe the heartache and longing that is woven into our daily lives.

Suicide is a formidable force. Our minds echo with the questions: What can we do? What can we possibly do? We could pull in, resigned and overwhelmed by the enormity of suicide, or we can reach out, even if our knees buckle and our voices quake. And reach out we must. The Out of the Darkness Walk gives us a chance to raise funds and awareness, and to comfort and support one another.

This fall, an estimated 250,000 nationwide will participate in Out of the Darkness Community Walks to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). We're joining the Denver Metro Walk at Coors Field, Denver, Colorado, on Saturday, September 23, and we know Sarah will be beside us every step of the way.

We've created our own team, "In Memory of Sarah Marietta," and hope you will join us on September 23. Whether or not you're able to walk with us, we would appreciate any support that you give us for this worthwhile cause. No donation is too small.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is at the forefront of research, education and prevention initiatives designed to reduce loss of life from suicide. With more than 40,000 lives lost each year in the U.S. and over one million worldwide, the importance of AFSP's mission has never been greater, nor our work more urgent.

We hope you will consider supporting our participation in this event. Any contribution will help the work of AFSP. All donations are 100% tax deductible and will help bring AFSP one step closer to achieving their bold goal to reduce the suicide rate 20% by 2025.

We'd love to have you walk alongside us. If you can't join us, we'd appreciate whatever support you can provide. Donating online is safe and easy. No amount is considered too small. Together we can make an incredible difference.

Sincerely,

Tony & Valerie Marietta
Current Member of the Metro Brokers Board of Directors - Metro Broker President, 1987

[Link to our team registration and fund raising page, "In Memory of Sarah Marietta."](https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=144007)
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[Link to General information on the Denver Metro Walk.](https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=4558)

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