

The Ethan Miller Song Foundation

#SongStrong

The mission of the Ethan Miller Song Foundation is to develop and support programs and causes that keep kids safe, rescue neglected animals and honor our veterans - all things close to Ethan's heart.

The Ethan Miller Song Foundation is staffed by volunteers which means your donations go directly to the causes we support. Here's some of our accomplishments:

Financial Contributions:

- **Gun Safety** - Donations were made to organizations that promote gun safety including Sandy Hook Promise, Hartford and New Haven Youth, and The Donnelly Dash.
- **Human Trafficking** - Donations were made to Wipe Every Tear to provide hope and healing in the lives of women trafficked in the sex trade and to support their effort to give them the opportunity to have their lives fully restored.
- **Special Needs** - No Limits Limb Loss, Special Olympics, Granite State Adaptive, Jacob Rogers Poulin Foundation
- **Distracted Driving** - Project Graduation
- **Substance Abuse** - Donation made to support Lifelinx efforts for drug and alcohol addiction recovery.
- **The Cove** - Help for grieving families
- **Cystic Fibrosis**
- **Veterans** - Donated wreaths to honor our veterans during the holiday season.
- **Student Projects** - Donations have been made to various student lead projects.
- **Animal Rescue** - Donations were made to save a total of twenty two horses through Herd Rescue, Nine Group, Last Chance, All the King's Horses, and Beech Brook Farm

The Foundation has created or participated in the following initiatives as we strive to *honor through action* each and every day.

Keep Kids Safe Initiatives

- **Ethan's Law** - worked with Representative Sean Scanlon of CT. Ethan's Law passed the CT House with an overwhelming bipartisan support of 127-16 and in the Senate 34-2. On the national level, Senators Blumenthal and Murphy introduced Ethan's Law on

January 18, 2019, a day before Ethan would have turned 16 years old. Representative DeLauro introduced Ethan's Law on May 21, 2019. Kristin, Mike, Po Murray and Melissa Kane met with 20 Republican Congresspeople and had very productive meetings. We are hopeful that Ethan's Law will pass nationally.

- **Ethan's Law** requires all firearms, loaded and unloaded, to be safely stored in homes occupied by minors under 18.
- **Gun Buyback** - Partnering with Pina Violano of YNHCH Injury Prevention department to host a gun buyback and gun safe giveaway event June 22, 2019. EMS Foundation will also hand out 100 safes-our foundation will work with YNHCH to track/research if gun owners are securing their guns with their new safes.
- **Connecticut Violence Intervention Prevention** Joined the board of the newly formed CTVIP. This group is committed to reducing gun violence in New Haven. This organization is the front lines in reducing urban gun violence among children. Many of these children are food, clothing, food insecure. They are in need of the basic necessities of life. In addition, we will be opening a community center which will be a safe place for the children to do homework, have family style meals with the leaders, work on lyrics and have an outlet for their stress in a positive manner.
- **Partnering with youth leaders in New Haven and Hartford to reduce gun violence by sponsoring the following initiatives:**
 - **Food and Clothing Bank** - Held 3 collections to stock goods for at risk urban youth who are food and clothing insecure. The center will offer a safe place for the kids to spend their time.
 - **Sneaker Collection**
 - **Bed Collection** - Organized a local collection of beds, mattresses and linens for children who have no bed of their own.
 - **Recording Studio**-an outlet for them to rap/sing about their lives and what matters to them.
- **Sandy Hook Promise** - Lobbied to enact the Sandy Hook Promise Say Something and anonymous reporting app in Guilford, CT. The app immediately proved to be an effective tool to keep kids safe. We have spoken to numerous other school districts regarding the Say Something program and presented with Mark Barden to all Connecticut superintendents encouraging them to enact this program into their schools. We will continue to visit districts to encourage them to implement this program to keep kids safe.
- **Collaborating with Brady** to develop a school gun safety curriculum to increase education and support their "End Family Fire" initiative.
- **Public Service Announcement** - Disney's Andi Mack created a two-part show to create awareness for children about the dangers of playing with guns. The show included a great Public Service Announcement in honor of Ethan.

- **Carry Guard Insurance** - Working with Attorney General Tong to determine the legality of Carry Guard insurance in CT.
 - **Social Media** - We are working with Senator Blumenthal about amending Sec. 230 of the Communications Decency Act to hold social media companies accountable for dangerous acts/behavior words.
 - **Angel Gowns** - Wedding gowns were collected and donated them to this organization which turns them into free beautiful burial gowns for infants who pass away during their hospital stay.
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Animal Rescue Initiatives

- **Foster Dogs** - We have worked with The Little Pink Shelter to foster 27 dogs so far this year (total dogs fostered 127). Many friends and family have signed up to foster and adopt in honor of Ethan.
 - **Horses** - Twenty two horses have been rescued from kill pens. Kill pens are a stop off before a horse is sent to slaughter. The kill pens are full of horses that served their owners well and young race track horses that did not qualify. We have saved 3 pregnant horses who went on to have beautiful babies.
 - And one mini-donkey!
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Veterans Initiatives

- **Suit Drive** - Collected 100 suits for veterans use.
 - **Created the Ethan Miller Song's Wreaths across Guilford** to honor our veterans.
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Fundraiser Events

Raised over \$200,000 for the Ethan Miller Song Foundation through:

- SongStrong 5k
- Bowlathon
- Spikeball Tournament (hosted by Emily and Evan.)
- Private Donations
