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The Bully Suicide Project - Survivor Stories(7)

1. Tell Me About Yourself (What are your hobbies, beliefs, likes, etc)

Hi! I am Giancarlo. I played the violin for 5 years, I've sang for about 3 years, my third year i got into a varsity level, I used to do oil paintings and pencil sketches. I did 2 1/2 years of JROTC then once i was going to be promoted to 1st Sargent I felt it was time for me to switch something else (i didn't want to do paper work and i was really busy with orchestra). I've done most of hobbies with YFT Dallas pump, a little financing, internship, countless hours of volunteer work, fundraisers, i'm am now on Youth Board at YFT and the fund-raising committee, i've done advertising projects for YFT.

2. Tell Me About Your Personality

I'm energetic, outgoing, spontaneous in a good way, tendency to be calm and serene unless i'm in an injustice situation then i must act, I am caring, loving, very laid back, great listener, open minded, the "to go to guy" when things happen good or bad, for my friends

3. Tell Me About the First Time you remember being bullied (where, how you felt, the names, you were called, how you dealt with it)

I felt bad, I felt down right petrified not because i was necessarily afraid of them, but more of afraid of, what is it going to take to show this person(these people) how ignorant and wrong they are towards the situation.

4. Names you have been called

slut, cunt, whore, bitch, fagot, fat, stupid, wetback, fagot wetback

5. Tell Me About how bullying has effected you

It made me angry and want to stand up for others when they wouldn't for themselves. It taught me to be more patient when i can't comprehend others, but that don't mean i can withhold myself entirely

6. Have you thought about suicide? If so, what did you do about it.

I've attempted suicide several times, most of it was cutting or hacking at my arms and once attempting to drown myself again this only helped me reconnect with myself inside and came to the reality that i was gay, loved men, and that was okay

7. What are ways you have dealt with suicidal thoughts?

Most of thoughts have been about cutting but eventually I learned to improve my poetry writing, my violin (even though i stopped i remember well how to play), singing, my leadership skills, etc.

8. What makes you a survivor?

Perseverance. Life is not about completing and perfection, it's about surviving. You don't complete survival you learn how to adapt your uniqueness to the worlds uniqueness. So you can survive on your own within this world. I demonstrate that, by living life like I am without compromising who I am. But knowing that change is imitable in social situations and that's okay, as long as I show who I am.

9. What is your message of hope to the person just like yourself?

For me I feel love is the core center of every humans life, so for any love whether it's be a long term relationship or simply a friendship. I wrote a quote at age 15, " I am not seeking a perfect love within a perfect person, but a perfecting love within a person." In others I don't want you to be what I want you to be, i don't want you to be perfect for me, because neither one of us will ever be, but I want to be a perfecting this relationship you and I have together.

10. The quote that you live by today because of your experience is....

"I am not seeking a perfect love within a perfect person, but a perfecting love within a person."

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Zachary's Story through the eyes of his mom, Elaine. This is how a Mom dealt with her son being bullied. I am always sensitive to Zachary and his emotional well-being, more so even than my other kids because he is tender and sensitive. It's a hard thing to not over-protect him...so putting him on the bus at all is a conscious effort from me to let him get out there, grow up, and experience things without my protection. On this day, it was on the bus ride home that the driver was disciplining an older child and in doing so made him change his seat. Zachary (as usual) was sitting alone, so the driver put this child in Zach's seat (Zach being by the window). So the child decided to turn his attention to Zach, who would prefer not to have attention from anyone, let alone an older, outspoken kid. The child made his friends watch as he repeatedly farted on Zach and laughed. Zach just kept looking out the window and ignoring him and the situation. When they came to Zach's stop, the boy refused his request to let him out of the seat. He told Zach that he wasn't going anywhere...and then finally let him off at the

last minute. Zach came home and didn't mention any of this until bed time. Ok, so first, I flipped out! Got angry, became the mother-lion and tried to tell him how he could have dealt with it. I tried to give him advice on how to deal with it in the future. Then I calmed down and told him I would talk to his school. Timothy took the "big brother" approach and vowed to ride the bus with Zach every day if it happened again. The next morning, I had calmed down considerably, and decided that the best thing would be for Zach to ride the bus again and to avoid the child. I gave him a pep talk about staying away from this kid, but also speaking up and going to the driver if anything else happened (the boy did not ride the bus that morning). After he left home, I emailed his teacher to let her know what had happened, how I responded, and asked if she could talk to him and email me back to see how it went that morning. Well, she did much more. They have no tolerance with bullying and she went straight to the principal. They talked with Zach, had him privately identify the child, and put another adult on his bus from now on. I received four emails that day to keep me posted on the progress. I felt relieved and trusted that they were dealing with it swiftly and appropriately. Zach came home from school that day and felt much better. All the students had assigned seats on the bus and he was very relieved. This whole situation really taught Zachary to speak up for himself and, most of all, to trust me and let me know when something is wrong. He tries so hard to hide his emotions and keep things to himself...he learned it's ok to ask for help.

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