



A Special Thank You from the family of Dakota James -

As Dakota's parents, we know how the whole world stops immediately upon getting the call that your child is missing. Your mind instantly drops all concern for anything other than locating your child. Your memory is wiped clean except for the images of the shaken faces of those around you. You become mentally and physically numb, but you know you need to act.

In our case, we drew from Dakota's tenacious spirit and began our efforts to make a difference. Thanks to our friends at the Calvary United Methodist Church on the North Shore with whom we created the Dakota James Foundation, we seek to improve surveillance capabilities and police procedures in missing person's cases. Our goal is to make sure the mysterious disappearance of a child cannot happen again and that all missing persons get the immediate and coordinated response that they deserve.

In the months since losing Dakota, the foundation has done exactly what we said we were going to do. We have attended local events such as Pride and we have met with local officials to discuss how we can work together to improve the safety of Pittsburgh's citizens.

Our loss here was real, permanent and impossible to understand. Through it all, or perhaps because of it all, we see an opportunity to make things better and leave a proper legacy for Dakota. We look forward to continuing our efforts in this city and we hope you will support us in these efforts.

As 2017 comes to a close, please think of us and the positive changes that we strive to bring to Pittsburgh and other locations that have contacted us for help. All donations are tax deductible and put 100% to improving your safety.

Thank You  
*Jeff & Pam James*

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