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Keith Famie
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Dear Keith,

I personally want to thank you for your efforts in bringing "Death is NOT the Answer" to the downriver community. The film and panel discussion were emotional, heart breaking, inspirational and informative. There were many compelling questions for the panelists and we appreciated their willingness to share personal insights and experiences.

In Michigan one person dies by suicide every 13 minutes and 90% of individuals who die by suicide experience mental illness. May is **National Mental Health Awareness Month** and it was important for us to shine the light on this mental health issue that is very complex and often shunned. The best way to prevent suicide is to talk about it.

Nearly 200 people registered for the community screening and panel discussion of the documentary "**Death Is Not the Answer**". This powerful film unearthed the roots of depression and suicide and offered hope and direction for those affected and their loved ones. In addition to the film and panel discussion, attendees were provided with valuable suicide prevention and mental health resources.

It's our goal to reduce the stigma around mental health so those in need are not ashamed to reach out for help. We have received positive feedback from those who attended the "Death is NOT the Answer" screening and we hope you will continue to share this powerful film with other Michigan communities. You helped us get the conversation started.

It was a pleasure to work with you.

Sincerely,

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