



STAND UP TO BULLYING FROM #DAY1

Dear Upstander,

Greetings! I think spring has finally come, at least here in the NY/NJ region! **Spring is such a beautiful time of year, a season marked by visual reminders of new beginnings, much life and many opportunities with endless possibilities.**

As I continue to work on accepting that life continues on and does indeed **begin anew every single day** I remain focused on the many blessings I have experienced and the many people I have encountered along my journey. One of those new blessings has been to march in **New York City Pride** several times in the past five years with friends, supporters and family members. We even gave away items identified with Tyler's name in the past. But **we have an amazing opportunity** that will make this year extremely special for our family.

I'm so excited to announce this June, the Tyler Clementi Foundation will walk as an official non-profit organization in the World Pride NYC/Stonewall 50!

Often times as I experience life I think about how much Tyler would have liked an event or how he would have enjoyed seeing a show or performance. **Walking in Pride is something that unfortunately Tyler never had a chance to experience** and every year I think, "wouldn't Tyler have been thrilled to attend a Pride event?" I do believe he would have. Sadly that will never be possible, but what is possible is for us to carry his name and spirit with us on **June 30th as the Tyler Clementi Foundation officially participates in this year's Pride March**. Please join us by [signing up here](#).

This is an incredible honor and the best part is we will not be alone. **Stay tuned for more details about our partner organization**. And more importantly we have room for **three to four HUNDRED friends** to walk with us, **we hope you and your loved ones will be with us.**

This is a great opportunity to **put your words into action**, as we show the world what kindness and respect looks like, especially for **all LGBTQ young people who are bullied because of who they are.**

My hope is that we will have a large community of friends and supporters to represent Tyler's foundation in our inaugural Pride march. Please come and walk for Tyler!

Let's **make Tyler proud** by having a huge turnout of Upstanders! [Please sign up here](#) and join us as we stand up and step out on **Sunday, June 30th**. Let's **join together and step into a future** that is brighter for all of our young people.

With gratitude,

Jane and the entire Clementi family

"Conversion therapy" is more than bullying, it's child abuse

Many states around the country are considering legislation that would ban so-called gay conversion therapy for minors keeping them safe from a practice that professional medical associations have said is harmful and destructive. In the past month our board member Mitchell Gold [spoke out in support of a bill of this type](#) in the North Carolina legislature.

Parents and faith leaders are the ones pushing young people to go to conversion therapy, framing queerness as sinful and curable. In a conversation with the [Rockland/Westchester Journal News](#) Jane said, "It's not being gay that's a sin. It's teaching homophobia, that's the sin. Teaching parents to hate their children, that's the sin."

Save the date! Upstander Legacy Celebration!



In Case You Missed it...

By the beginning of April, more than 140,000 people have joined the Million Upstander Movement by making a commitment to stand up to bullying! Please [share the pledge](#) with your friends, family, co-workers, and faith community so they can become a part of the Million Upstander Movement. Show us your pledge on Instagram with the tag #UpstanderPledge.

Tyler's Suite to have premier performance in Canada

On June 1, Tone Cluster, a 35-voice auditioned choir for queer people and their allies in Ottawa, Canada will perform Tyler's Suite with Dr. Timothy Seelig of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus conducting. We encourage all of our friends who live in or near Ottawa to attend. For more details or to buy tickets [click here](#).

Celebrating Upstanders

This month, we want to celebrate a special Upstander - Sybil Girard, the principal of it Takes a Village Academy (ITAVA) in Brooklyn. Her leadership has made the school safer and more inclusive. During her tenure, ITAVA has trained staff members in therapeutic crisis intervention, created a safe space for students to go during lunch to connect with the school social worker, and has invited the Tyler Clementi Foundation to host an [Upstander presentation](#) for their school community before implementing [#Day1](#). Thank you for your leadership and example, Principal Girard!



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