



# Reach out to hurting teens this Christmas...



2005 has been one of the most tumultuous years in recent history, with natural disasters and the needs of the displaced pushing the bounds of giving to the brink. Yet a killer epidemic is growing right on our doorstep and the needs are just as urgent.

In the 6 days between Christmas and the end 2005 at least 86 teens will end their lives in North America. Every 100 minutes a teen completes suicide. It's the 2nd leading cause of death among teens in Canada next to road traffic accidents. In the USA it's #3. Suicide is a silent epidemic that is destroying families and damaging our society.

Someone you know – a son/ daughter/ grandchild/ friend of the family – may need our help – this Christmas or throughout the year. Please help ensure we are here for them.

We depend on financial donations to provide our much needed support to teens and their families and this Christmas we're asking for your help here in the backyard. Your donation of any amount today will help Lamplight to save young lives. A tax receipt will be issued for the full value of your donation. Let's respond to their cry together today – just as their lives count; your donation counts! [Can hurting teens count on you?](#)

### Looking back on 2005

Over 500,000 teens reached directly via our schools and concerts/ events programs in Canada and the USA. Lamplight TV ads seen in over 5 million households. Over 1.2 million 'hits' on our website generating a mountain of emails and responses to teens and families – steadying the lives of thousands of teens.

Sue aged 17 is alive today because Lamplight listened to her and believed in her. "I was wanting to end my life because nothing made sense any more. Lamplight gave me hope and told me that they cared about me. They are the reason why I'm alive today. I recommend Lamplight to anyone who's in the same place I was."

Lamplight is a major resource for hurting teens. Our approach works! [Visit the Lamplight Website>>](#)

**The need is real!**

### New Board Member

Brian Patterson is a retired Bank Manager living in the UK and in the USA. Now a realtor he has a huge heart for teens and is delighted to join the Lamplight team. We'll feature Brian shortly. Welcome Brian!

### A Life Changed



"Dear lamp light , thanks alot for caring , you are now like family to me ,somebody I can relay and talk , you listen and understand" - this is just one of the many notes we receive on a daily basis.

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### Message from the President

On behalf of the Board of Lamplight may I thank all of the many people who have helped Lamplight in so many ways over the past year. There are truly too many folk to mention. May you all be blessed this Christmas time and may you all enjoy peace, health and much happiness in 2006.

Rory Butler, President & CEO



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Let's get real. We connect with youth in many ways. Our powerful website and email response gives continuity to a variety of important, proven initiatives. We speak in schools. We work in communities alongside Police, Health and Education professionals practically helping to save the lives of teens. We have compelling TV ads. We do events – huge and not so huge. Our partnerships are growing fast. Our opportunities outweigh our resources. We need to build our capacity and need your help or someone you know to volunteer with us. We need your connections and your generosity. Why wait any longer to help?

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## Your Life Counts!

Thank you for your continued interest in Lamplight. If you would rather not receive our newsletter, send an e-mail to [info@lamplight.org](mailto:info@lamplight.org) and type "no thanks - newsletter" in the subject line.

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"Strengthening families by helping to save the lives of hurting teens through community education, strategic intervention programs and online support initiatives."