Kevin Kless, a young Temple graduate, was murdered in Old City this last January. Like many victims of violence, his death was tragic for his family, friends and the city of Philadelphia. The family and friends of Kevin have been raising funds to support AVP’s anti-violence efforts in Philadelphia.

Below is the letter for support that they have sent to friends.

We hope you will read it and pass it along to anyone who you think would like to make a donation in memory of Kevin to help prevent future victims.

On January 14, 2012, the lives of many people were forever changed due to a tragic event in Philadelphia, PA. Kevin T. Kless, a 2010 Temple University graduate, had just started his career in the insurance industry. On that January night, Kevin was out enjoying Center City when he was attacked, ultimately resulting in his death. The individuals responsible stole the life of a truly amazing person. He exuded kindness, humor, creativity, and intelligence. Kevin was, and forever will be, loved by so many people. Although he was taken too soon, he managed to make a very influential impact on all who knew him. This is why we are reaching out to you.
This senseless act of violence is unfortunately one of many that continuously occur in the Philadelphia area. Kevin’s friends and family have come together to try to curb the violence.

We are asking for donations to the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia (AVP) on behalf of Kevin T. Kless. The AVP’s primary initiative is to provide assistance to victims and their families, while also reaching out to the youth of Philadelphia in an effort to promote nonviolence conflict resolution. Our goal is to raise $5,000 in Kevin T. Kless’s name so that the AVP can sponsor a SAVE program in one of Philadelphia’s public schools.

The curriculum of the SAVE program would touch upon many areas including, but not limited to, Weapon Awareness, Attitudes Toward Conflict, and Recognizing and Dealing with Anger. These topics would help raise awareness among students within that school. Any additional funds that are raised will still be donated to the AVP to be used for their other programs.

While we have personally been affected by Kevin’s death, this is just one of many violent acts that affect the lives of countless individuals. We are hoping that if we all pull together, we can help to transform Philadelphia and stop the violence.

For online donations or more information, please visit our website avpphila.org

Checks can be sent to the below address and made out to the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia. It is extremely important to identify on the check that your donation is in memory of Kevin T. Kless.
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