



VOLUNTEER TO SAVE LIVES

JANUARY EIGHTH, 2016 CHANGED OUR LIVES. OUR THIRTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD SON DIED IN A RENTAL HOUSE FIRE. AND HE WAS TRAPPED IN HIS BEDROOM, THE DOOR WAS CLOSED. HIS WINDOW WAS SEALED SHUT, SO IT WAS AN ELECTRICAL FIRE AND THAT HAD BEEN SMOLDERING AND FOR SOME REASON IT REARED ITS UGLY HEAD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, ABOUT FOUR-THIRTY IN THE MORNING. WE WOKE UP TO A PHONE CALL FROM OUR SECOND DAUGHTER, CRYING. AND SHE HAD SAID THERE'S NO SMOKE ALARMS, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, THERE'S NO SMOKE ALARM AND SHE SAID WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. IT WAS JUST LIKE FROM THAT MOMENT THAT WE KNEW WE WERE GOING TO DO SOMETHING TO PREVENT OTHER PEOPLE FROM GOING THROUGH WHAT WE WERE JUST STARTING TO GO THROUGH. WE STARTED OUT JUST DOING A FEW HERE AND THERE AND AS TIME WENT ALONG, IT JUST BECAME A PART OF US, OUR NEW LIFE VOLUNTEERING WITH THE RED CROSS INSTALLING SMOKE ALARMS IN GREG'S HONOR. YOU JUST NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO ACTUALLY GO OUT AND BE PART OF THE SOLUTION AND IT DOESN'T TAKE YOUR WHOLE LIFE, IT TAKES HOURS HERE AND THERE. EVERYONE IS SO BUSY IN THEIR LIFE. IF YOU JUST GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF TIME AND DO SOMETHING AS PUTTING IN A SMOKE ALARM, TEACHING SOMEBODY ABOUT FIRE SAFETY, IT'S A GOOD FEELING BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WE'RE HELPING TO SAVE LIVES AND I THINK GREG IS LOOKING DOWN AND SAYING GOOD JOB, GOOD JOB.