

# MISSION CONNECTION

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## IOWA CIRCLE OF HOPE

American Foundation  
for Suicide Prevention



→ National Suicide Prevention Week (Sept. 4 – Sept. 10) is an annual week-long campaign in the United States to inform and engage health professionals and the general public about suicide prevention and warning signs of suicide.

In conjunction with this, the Mission and Outreach Committee would like to spotlight the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) for the month of September. Mission funds collected will be given to the Iowa AFSP Chapter's "Circle of Hope" program.**

Circle of Hope is a passionate group of people dedicated to funding efforts to prevent suicide. Their work focuses on eliminating the loss of life from suicide by:

- Delivering innovative prevention programs for those in need;
- Educating the public with more than 20 programs;
- Raising funds for suicide research and programs, as well as researching for grants to better understand suicide and develop strategies for prevention;
- Reaching out to those who have lost someone to suicide and offering continued support of those affected by the loss of a loved one to suicide through AFSP's loss and healing programs;
- Advocating for mental health legislation at the local level through state legislative days and calls to action.



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Stay tuned to The Herald, Vilmar's Facebook Page, website, and the bulletins for future Mission & Outreach projects during the year.

Vilmar is a mission-driven church. Each month we will feature an organization for your prayerful support. Funds that are donated for missions that month will go to that specific project. If you have a mission for us to prayerfully consider, please contact Barb Meyer.