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**Plymouth County LOSS Team Receives Mini-Grant from South Shore
Community Partners in Prevention**

The Plymouth County LOSS Team has announced that it has received a \$3,500 Community Health Network Area (CHNA 23) mini-grant from South Shore Community Partners in Prevention (SSCPP) to fund its expansion across Plymouth County. SSCPP works to identify needs and improve community health in eleven Plymouth County communities.

The Plymouth County LOSS Team launched earlier this year. It is a group of specially trained volunteers who partner with local police departments to provide immediate Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS). The LOSS team, many of whom are suicide loss survivors themselves, helps families and loved ones process grief, find hope and healing, and connect with resources.

“This support from South Shore Community Partners in Prevention will accelerate our foundational work and, in doing so, prepare us to offer comfort and resources when our neighbors need it most,” said Charlette Tarsi, LOSS Team Coordinator. “When we lose a loved one to suicide, we are often left feeling confused and isolated. The LOSS team’s goal is to respond to that. We aim to connect our community members with someone who understands and can offer help in this most difficult time.”

The Plymouth County LOSS Team is always seeking more volunteers to aid in this important work. For more information, please send an email to plymouthcountyLOSSteam@gmail.com.

About South Shore Community Partners in Prevention:

SSCPP is a partnership between the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, hospitals, service agencies, schools, businesses, boards of health, residents, and other concerned citizens in the 11 towns it serves, including: Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton and Rockland. They work to identify the health needs of the local communities they serve, find ways to address those needs, and improve the community’s health.

About Plymouth County LOSS Team:

The Plymouth County LOSS team is a group of trained volunteers who provide hope, offer support, and share resources to those recently impacted by a death by suicide. This outreach involves two or more volunteers, including a suicide loss survivor, who connect the newly bereaved to services for use whenever they feel ready. In 1998, Dr. Frank Campbell formed the first LOSS team in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The model aims to connect the bereaved to available help sooner. Today, LOSS teams are running across the United States and the world.