



A Mission of Support after Tragedy

2012-2022

On behalf of Jessi's Message and Survivors Empowered, founders Sandy & Lonnie Phillips Traveled to 14 Mass Shooting Sites to Offer Support to Survivors.

2012	December 14	Sandy Hook Elementary, Newtown, Connecticut
2014	May 23	Multiple scenes around UCSB, Ilsa Vista, California
2015	December 2	Inland Regional Center, San Bernardino, California
2016	June 2	Pulse Nightclub, Orlando, Florida
2017	October 1	Route 91 Harvest Music Festival, Las Vegas, Nevada
2017	November 5	First Baptist Church, Sutherland Springs, Texas
2018	February 14	Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, Florida
2018	May 18	Santa Fe High School, Santa Fe, Texas
2018	October 27	Tree of Life Synagogue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2018	November 7	Borderline Bar & Grill, Thousand Oaks, California
2019	May 31	Municipal Building, Virginia Beach, Virginia
2019	August 3	Walmart store, El Paso, Texas
2022	May 14	Tops Friendly Market, Buffalo, New York
2022	May 24	Robb Elementary School, Uvalde, Texas

2019-2023

Survivors Empowered also Deployed Volunteer Rapid Response Teams to 7 Mass Shooting Sites.

2019	February 15	Henry Pratt Company, Aurora, Illinois
2019	August 4	Ned Peppers Bar, Dayton, Ohio
2019	November 14	Saugus High School, Santa Clarita, California
2021	March 22	King Soopers Supermarket, Boulder, Colorado
2022	July 4	Independence Day Parade, Highland Park, Illinois
2022	November 19	Club Q, Colorado Springs, Colorado
2023	October 5	Multiple scenes, Lewiston, Maine

First breaths to first steps, resources for survivors abound.



We are your soft place to land after your life has been forever changed by gun violence.
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The Evolution of Survivors Empowered

Key Moments from More than a Decade of Service

2012

July 20. Mass shooting at a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, resulted in the tragic loss of twelve lives, including Jessi Redfield Ghawi, the daughter of Sandy and Lonnie Phillips. Their daughter's mass shooting was their first.

December 14. Traveled to the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting site.

Realization: "We can help them. This is what we need to do."

December. Founded Jessi's Message, the forerunner of Survivors Empowered.

2013

April. Met with President Obama in a gathering of survivors and then met with Vice President Biden to discuss the newly formed *Gun Violence Task Force*.

2015

March 27. Sandy and Lonnie filed a lawsuit against arms dealer Lucky Gunner.

June 30. Citing *The Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA)*, the Judge orders Sandy and Lonnie to pay costs and fees, naming Brady as the instigator of the lawsuit.

April 27. Trial begins for Aurora theater shooter who killed 12 and wounded 70.

August 26. The court sentenced the convicted killer to 3,300 years without parole.

2017

January. Phillipses are forced into bankruptcy.

September. Jessi's Message becomes the non-profit Survivors Empowered.

2019

June 2. Sandy and Lonnie were honored for their work with Survivors Empowered at the Ford Theater Society's Annual Awards Gala.

2022

Sandy and Lonnie embark on a 9-month-long Survivors Tour across the United States. Survivors Empowered and Giffords co-author *The Survivors Toolkit*.

2023

April. Colorado passes Jessi's Law, a bill named to honor Sandy and Lonnie's daughter. The bill repeals the Colorado arms dealer immunity law that bankrupted the Phillipses.

June. Featured speakers at The Garrison Institute.

September. Anderson Cooper designated Survivors Empowered a 2023 Champion for Change.

2024

March 9. Hosts the inaugural Survivors Empowered *Gun Violence State of the Union* event.



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