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Lt. Bart Fletcher Memorial Foundation Healing the hearts of hurting children



In spite of the tragedy of losing a son, Ginny and Jack Luther are working toward helping troubled and angry young men and women.

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Lt. Bart Fletcher survived a tour of duty as a tank commander in Iraq, only to be killed by a fellow soldier at Fort Hood, Texas while investigating a possible robbery.

Now, Bart's parents, Ginny and Jack Luther, have embarked on a mission to honor the memory of their son by starting a foundation to support military families, children, and adults working with children seeking support through programs that promote social-economic growth, as well as the development of emotional intelligence and strategies for keeping families connected during times of loss, separation and traumatic life events.

The Luthers have learned that the young man who killed their beloved son had a very difficult childhood and wonder if Bart might still be alive if such services were available to help Jody, who killed himself after murdering his victim, Bart.

The foundation they have started raises money that is then donated to such not-for-profits as Children & Families, Inc., Hug-a-Hero Foundation and grief counseling camps.

Bart's motto was "Go Big or Go Home" and that has become the buzz phrase of Ginny's mission.

One of Jack and Ginny's goals is to build a data base that lists active-duty soldiers with families that include young children, so that there is a record of youngsters who might need assistance in the future.

The Luthers have accumulated a list of resources to which they can refer troubled youth who are living in any circumstance or situation, but are in need of learning better coping and anger management skills.

Jack and Ginny Luther have taken a heartbreaking situation and used it in a positive way to improve young lives. They are interested in speaking with anyone connected to an organization that could be a viable addition to their resource base.

There will be a golf tournament on May 21, 2011 to benefit the Lt. Bart Fletcher Memorial Foundation and monies raised will go to the not-for-profits who share a mission to intervene in troubled young lives while there is still time to save them and their possible future victims.

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