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# Uplift

A MONTHLY UPDATE  
from your friends at Victoria's Voice

**Showing Up to Speak Up**





David and Jackie penned a powerful op-ed in the *Orlando Sentinel* to raise awareness of naloxone, a lifesaving antidote to an opioid overdose.

“It is tempting to think that overdoses are the sole domain of drug addicts who do not deserve our sympathy. In fact, the rise of drug ‘poisoning’ due to dealers mixing street drugs with extremely potent synthetic opioids is contributing to the escalating number of unintentional overdoses in every zip code in the United States. Naloxone will play an increasingly vital role in saving victims from this scourge.”

-David and Jackie Siegel

[>Click here to read the full article.](#)

**MANILOW**

**RECORD  
BREAKING**  
*Charity Weekend  
Celebration*

SEPTEMBER 21-23

**CALLING ALL**

# FANILOWS

Join us on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino for a special Barry Manilow benefit concert for Victoria's Voice. Only a few VIP meet and greet tickets remain for a select 50. Tickets are [on sale now](#).

In addition to this intimate opportunity to meet the showman himself, VIP ticket holders will receive reserved seating within the first three rows and tickets to an exclusive cocktail after-party.

## Benefits of Beauty



Mrs. Connecticut American Liza Lee Gambino held a fundraiser to benefit Victoria's Voice on July 29th, in Fairfield, Connecticut. Local supporters included U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, town and city mayors, healthcare and substance abuse professionals and, of course, James Norkawich, who brought his musical talent to the event. James composed a song for the event and was instrumental in its planning.

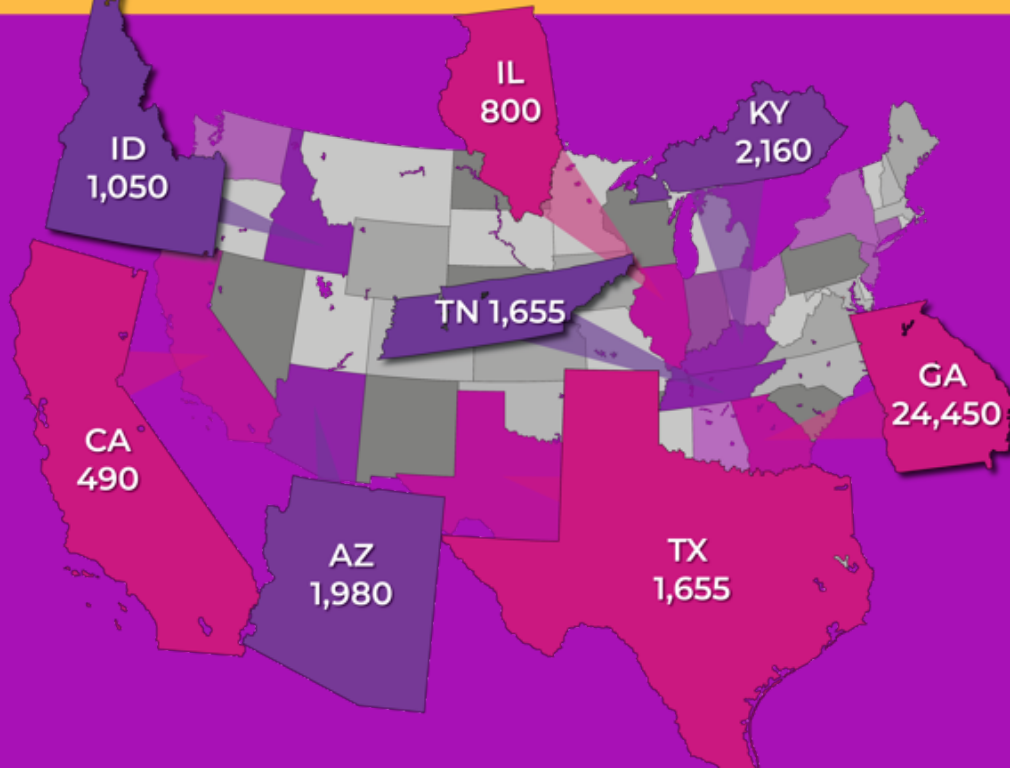
"The State of Connecticut is behind the Victoria's Voice Foundation, and we can't thank you enough for supplying us with the things that we needed."

- James A. Norkawich

## Changing Minds and Habits



### YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: AUGUST



#### AUGUST 2023 STATS

9,790 students, staff and community members  
7 states

#### 2023 STATS TO DATE

657,008 students, staff and community members  
2,378 vapes collected  
23 states + Canada and counting!

**Ambassador Highlight: Mrs. Missouri 2023**



MISSOURI



**Mrs. Missouri 2023 Hayden Dugger**, a full-time police officer and a Beauty for Good ambassador since 2022, took some time to share her passion for saving lives from addiction.

***Why did you choose to become a BFG ambassador?***

I chose to become a BFG ambassador because I have witnessed firsthand the destruction drugs cause for the families and loved ones of addicts. As a full-time police officer, I often render aid and encouragement to those struggling with addiction.

I am also a child of an addict, and I remember being exposed to the drug environment as a child. I understand the importance of working to bring our drug epidemic to an end, and becoming a BFG ambassador was an additional way I could work towards creating better environments and lifestyles for others.

***Do you have a connection to the foundation?***

My life is affected almost daily by the drug epidemic. As a police officer, I remove harmful substances from within my community to keep people safe. I carry Narcan daily and have administered it during active overdoses. I have also witnessed the heartbreak of families who have lost their loved ones due to drug overdoses where Narcan was unavailable. I work to educate others on the warning signs of drug addiction, where to access Narcan, and how to effectively administer it to help save more lives. I mentor youth who come from troubled homes with drugs present and encourage them to have hope for a brighter future. My connection to the Victoria's Voice Foundation is that I have

connection to the Victoria's Voice Foundation is that I have witnessed firsthand the negative impacts that drugs and alcohol can leave behind. At the end of the day, every life matters, and we should strive to save them all and make our world a happy place.



Blue Star Families Missouri Chapter Women's Empowerment Conference in Waynesville, MO on May 30, 2023.

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