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Legacy of Hope
Hance Family Marks 10 Years Since Tragedy

Emma, Alyson and Katie Hance were killed in a tragic car accident on July 26, 2009. The girls were 8, 7 and 5 years old. Their parents, Warren and Jackie Hance, choose not to focus on their loss. Rather, it is their steadfast wish to celebrate the lives their daughters lived.

To achieve that goal, they created a thriving foundation in their daughters’ memories. In the last 10 years, the Hance Family Foundation has proudly brought its inspiring Self-Esteem Rising programs to more than 60,000 participants worldwide, working tirelessly to share with girls and women the lessons of love and self-worth their beloved daughters taught them. The organization also gives back to the community with the annual Hance Family Foundation 5K and Fun Day and service projects like its Christmas toy drive.

“This foundation started because people surrounded our family — literally and figuratively — since July 26, 2009,” say Warren and Jackie Hance. “Friends and strangers have allowed us to focus on the good in this world. A path has been carved that enables Emma, Alyson and Katie to still make an impact on others daily. That is the greatest gift anyone can give a grieving parent. To anyone who remembers our girls, you have our most sincere gratitude.”

Warren Hance has led Hance Family Foundation’s work since its inception. Under his direction, what began as a local grassroots effort in 2009 has grown into a powerful organization that offers its programs across the country and even as far as Uganda and New Zealand. Warren speaks at Self-Esteem Rising events, sharing the tools he has learned in the last decade. He educates and motivates all who meet him.
Jackie Hance, author of the best-selling memoir *I'll See You Again*, works daily to help others living with traumatic grief and loss. She presents at speaking engagements as she shares her endless love for her daughters, her pathway to forgiveness, the coping mechanisms she uses daily and the gratitude that fuels her life. Jackie is an inspiration to everyone she meets, and her ability to comfort those in crisis is appreciated by many. She continues to speak publicly and has proudly presented across New York State and at Sir Richard Branson’s Necker Island in the British Virgin Islands.

Jackie and Warren Hance focus their love and attention on all four of their daughters every day. As co-presidents of the Hance Family Foundation, they honor Emma, Alyson and Katie by helping other children. Their 7-year-old daughter, Kasey, brings them laughter, incredible joy and new connections within their beloved Floral Park community.

The Hance family would like to thank everyone who has supported them in their journey since 2009. Their community, in particular, have surrounded them with kindness and compassion for 10 years. Jackie, Warren and Kasey Hance extend their heartfelt gratitude.

Warren and Jackie Hance offer their continued support and prayers to all who suffered as a result of the accident on July 26, 2009.

The Hance Family Foundation, headquartered in Floral Park, NY, continues its expansion worldwide. Visit hancelfamilyfoundation.org for information about the foundation, such as how to get involved and for how to bring Self-Esteem Rising programs (including HFF’s flagship Beautiful Me class, which it offers for free) to any school, business or community, visit our programs site, selfesteemrising.org.