

TOGETHER WE ARE GREATER THAN HEROIN

The U.S. is in the midst of an unprecedented opioid epidemic with more than 116 people dying every day in our country from opioid-related drug overdoses. The misuse and addiction to opioids, including prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, is a serious national crisis. This evening is designed to increase awareness and understanding of the disease of addiction and to provide information on resources in our area for treatment, counseling, support, and dealing with grief.

Date and Time: Saturday, October 6 ▪ 7:00 PM

**Location: McCafferty Hall
Mary Queen of the Apostles Parish
6455 Engle Rd, Brook Park**



Rob Brandt will share the story of his son Robby's death from an accidental heroin overdose in 2011 at the age of 20. Rob will explain how opiate pain medication prescribed for Robby following routine surgery to remove wisdom teeth started him down the path to heroin use. In 2012, Rob turned his family's tragedy into a mission of saving lives by founding **Robby's Voice**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness about addiction and providing education and resources.

In 2017, Rob appeared in a special episode of 60-Minutes entitled: "Heroin in the Heartland". He continues to do speaking engagements in the local community and nationally, as well as interacting with government and community leaders. Following Rob's compelling talk, two Brook Park Paramedics will give their view of the opioid crisis in our own community, as well as the dramatic increase in overdose cases they've responded to in recent years.

Why is this evening important for everyone?

- Educate yourself on how this epidemic is leaving no community in the U.S. untouched
- Is someone you know using heroin or other addictive drugs? Find out how to get free Narcan
- Using heroin or other opioids? Get information on local treatment programs
- Lost someone to heroin? Learn about local support programs and receive literature about the symptoms of grief and working through grief
- Not sure where to turn? Meet a licensed counselor and addiction expert and find out about "Where do I go from here?" programs
- Obtain details about the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on October 27, 2018

Looking for further information?

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