

# Stand for the Silent

## HOW TO START A CHAPTER OF SFTS



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# IT IS TIME TO STAND!

Hello Potential SFTS Chapter!

From everyone here at SFTS, we want to thank you for wanting to change the world by choosing to Stand for the Silent. Every single day, people are tortured by bullying. It takes brave individuals, such as yourselves, to stand up and say this is not okay!

We appreciate your enthusiasm and cannot wait to help you get started. However, there are some formalities we need to follow so we can get your chapter up and running right away! We look forward to fighting bullying beside you soon.

Sincerely,



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# STEPS TO FORM AN SFTS CHAPTER

## Step 1: Pledge Cards

All committing members need to sign a pledge card, as well as any new member's that are added later and contact the Board of Director's for Chapter approval by emailing [contact@standforthesilent.com](mailto:contact@standforthesilent.com)

## Step 2: Adult Sponsor

Find an adult to act as advisor/sponsor for your chapter. This can be any adult in your community and does not have to be an employee of a school.

## Step 3: Vote

Hold an election to appoint officer's for your Chapter, to include a minimum of Pres., V.P., Sec., and Treasurer.

## Step 4: Name & Mission

Create a name for your Chapter as well as a mission statement to describe your groups personal goals. (see attached example.)

## Step 5: Logistics

Decide where, and how often your Chapter will meet.

## Step 6: Meetings

During your meetings; discuss how you can spread the Stand For The Silent message. Discuss ways to impact your school and community, fund raiser for group activities, or develop skits/plays to perform to show other's not only the impact that being bullied can have, but how to prevent /stop it or to offer support to a victim.

(Think about performing these at elementary schools or for talent shows.)

(Ideas: SFTS parade float, posters or flyers, mixers, sky's the limit! Several other ideas available, just ask.)

\* Also, think about forming a peer mediation group. High schoolers can then mediate for lower classman, and so on and so forth.





# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I – Name and Purpose

SECTION A: The name of this organization shall be Stand for the Silent.

SECTION B: The purpose of this organization is to fight against bullying, which can lead to adolescent depression and suicide.

## ARTICLE II – Membership

SECTION A: Pledge Card – Everyone interested in joining Stand for the Silent must sign a pledge card.

SECTION B: Chapters

1. Establishment of a Chapter –
  - a. All groups interested in creating a Chapter must contact the Board of Directors for eligibility by emailing us at [contact@standforthesilent.com](mailto:contact@standforthesilent.com)
  - b. All Chapters must have an elected governing council.
    1. Governing council must consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, and Representatives.
    2. Council will be elected by a nomination and majority vote.
    3. Officer's duties shall be determined by the Chapter.
  - c. Each Chapter should have at least one sponsor to over see and approve all Chapters' activities.
  - d. Each Chapter shall make a quarterly report of members to the Board of Directors.
  - e. Order forms for merchandise and pledge cards will be provided upon request.

## ARTICLE III – Rules and Regulations

SECTION A: This organization shall follow the revised edition of Roberts Rules of Order in running its meetings.

SECTION B: The Stand for the Silent logo is a trademark symbol and should not be used unless permitted by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IV – Finances

SECTION A: All fundraisers must be approved by the Chapter sponsor before it is sent to the Board of Directors.

SECTION B: All fundraisers will go through the Board of Directors for final approval.

SECTION C: All profits made through fundraisers shall remain the Chapter's unless otherwise notified by the Board of Directors.

SECTION D: The sponsors shall conduct an annual audit and report it back to the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE V – Committees

SECTION A: Standing committees include: Publicity, Programs, and Projects.

1. Publicity – will be responsible for promotion of Stand for the Silent.
2. Programs – will be responsible for selecting and securing guest speakers for events and meetings.
3. Projects – will be responsible for initiating new projects and overseeing them.
4. Chapters are free to set up their own committees after approval by the sponsor.

SECTION B: Special committees shall be appointed by the Board of Directors as the need arises.

## ARTICLE VI – Amendments

SECTION A: The Constitution may be amended at any time by the Board of Directors with a motion of three fourths vote of the Board of Directors.

SECTION B: Chapters may send in amendment requests to be approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION C: Amendments shall take effect following the vote.

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# FAQ's

## Q: How long is a typical Stand for the Silent presentation?

A: A typical presentation lasts one hour and 15 minutes. Students usually like to ask questions and come up and meet us afterwards, so we like to take the time to accommodate that after the presentation.

## Q: What does the presentation look like?

A: We ask three kids from each school to volunteer to help us lead their peers and read portions of the STFS program from scripts. We ask these students to arrive 20- 30 minutes before the start of the presentation.

We begin with the history of Stand for the Silent. There are five empty chairs on the stage that represent five children that have lost their lives to bullying related suicide. The students take turns reading about the lives of the first four kids, written from the parents' point of view. The students then read a fifth story about Ty Smalley, and introduce Ty's dad, Kirk Smalley.

Kirk tells a personal account of how bullying has impacted his family's life, and discusses the importance of cultures of kindness and the individual worth of each person. The students watch a short video created by other students about the importance of respecting each other. Students then read the pledge, I Am Somebody, and Kirk answers students' questions.

## Q: How many students does Kirk typically present to?

A: The Stand for the Silent presentation can be delivered to as many or as few students as you would like. The most efficient way to present is to a large group in a school assembly.

## Q: How does a school start a local chapter?

A: Stand for the Silent has a set of guidelines for establishing a chapter that we can distribute to any interested school.

## Q: Can you provide references so I can speak to another administrator about their experience with Stand for the Silent?

A: Yes, we have a list of school administrators from around the country that you are welcome to call with questions about their experience with Stand for the Silent.

## Q: What is the cost involved?

A: Stand for the Silent does not charge for the presentation itself, but we ask that you pay for travel to the school or presentation site. Due to the cost of travel expenses, our fees for local presentations start at \$500 and out of state presentations start at \$2,500. We encourage each person interested in having us visit to contact administrators, business owners, community center personnel etc. in your area and ask them to visit our website. Explain to them why this matters so much to you and how this presentation could save lives in your community. Once they are ready, either you or them can send us an email to [contact@standforthesilent.org](mailto:contact@standforthesilent.org). We can discuss a specific fee cost for your location and set up a date.



# LETTER OF INTENT

**\* \* \* Example of Chapter Intent Form \* \* \***

Fletcher Stand for the Silent

(DATE)

First meeting was held on: September 24, 2012

Our Chapter will be called: Wildcats Stand for the Silent

Sponsor: Katie, Co-sponsor: Lori

**Mission Statement:** Our goal is to make a stand at our school against bullying and no longer allow or turn our backs on it. We will stand together and make it known that bullying is not, and will not ever be tolerated at Fletcher Schools.

**Intent:** We will meet once a month after school on Mondays. We also plan to wear our SFTS shirts every other Friday. Our meetings will consist of planning and discussing future events and goals. We will also use our meeting times to make and distribute SFTS posters and notes

President:

Publicity:

Programs:

Projects:

Members:

Co-President (VP):



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## Merchandise Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_



All Shirts \$10

Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L

Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L

\_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL

Shirt Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Wrist Bands \$1.50

Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ White Letters \_\_\_\_\_ Black Letters

Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ White Letters \_\_\_\_\_ Black Letters

Wristband Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Combined Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Shipping: \$5.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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