

Putting a Face to the Flu

Behind every flu statistic is a person, a family, a story.
Sharing real experiences helps us connect, empathize, and take action.

Here are a few examples of our family stories and how we share them to help others see the importance of vaccines and build vaccination confidence.

Kaden Stevenson



Kaden was an otherwise healthy, active 7-year-old who ended up losing both of his legs due to complications from flu.



FFF Board Member and Kaden's mother, Michele Stevenson, spoke with her local news station about the importance of flu vaccination and the need to take symptoms seriously. Kaden himself also actively advocates for childhood flu vaccinations.

Reese Termulo



Reese was a healthy, active, 16-year-old honors student and dancer who died suddenly from the flu.



FFF family member and Reese's father, Dr. Cesar Termulo, was interviewed by his local ABC News station. At the time, flu numbers were high in his area.

Brent Teichman



Brent was a vibrant and healthy 29-year-old chef who died just four hours after seeking medical care.



Brent's father and FFF medical director, Dr. Jeb Teichman, presented multiple case examples at the International Sepsis Forum to bring attention to how influenza infections can lead to life-threatening sepsis.

Kaitlyn Covert



Kaitlyn was a student at the University of Florida in Gainesville when she almost died from the flu.



Now, Kaitlyn — a FFF family member and junior board member — works to raise awareness about the dangers of the flu, especially among college students. She shares her harrowing story online and with news organizations.



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