

Support Anti-Bullying Efforts

Tragic Death of Folsom Boy Ronin Shimizu, Age 12

Bullied, physically attacked, and targeted by anti-gay slurs for his creative interests and being a male cheerleader plus despite his parents diligent complaints to the Folsom-Cordova Unified School District for years, 12 year old Ronin Shimizu took his own life on December 3, 2014.

Ronin's tragic death serves as a rallying cry locally, nationally, and even internationally for schools to start protecting our children.

On January 10th, a thousand friends, neighbors, relatives, and supporters came together for a celebration of Ronin's too short life at the Lakeside Church in Folsom. They learned of his interest in fashion design, cheerleading, scouting, and more recently rowing,

For further information about Ronin, please see the following internet websites:

- Fox 40 TV report and video: <http://fox40.com/2014/12/04/folsom-community-mourns-boy-bullied-to-suicide/>
- Family Statement: <http://fox40.com/2014/12/07/family-of-12-year-old-thanks-friends-community-for-support-during-difficult-grieving-process/>
- Ronin's Voice Facebook Page for Updates: <https://www.facebook.com/Roninsvoice> "Like" the page to receive news updates.



Vista Junior Eagles cheerleader Ronin Shimizu with awards he had won.

His parents Brandon and Danielle Shimizu asked that in lieu of flowers or "koden" offering, donations be made to support **Ronin's Anti-Bullying Memorial Fund** at:

<http://www.gofundme.com/ronin-shimizu> Checks may also be made out to "**Brandon and Danielle Shimizu**" and sent to Florin JACL 15 Mark River Court, Sacramento, CA 95831.

Many, many people including family, friends, neighbors, and even complete strangers have reached out to support Ronin's parents. The Florin JACL has also been pitching in as Brandon and Danielle Shimizu explore their legal, community organizing, and other options for justice.

Thank you for supporting the Shimizu family.

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