

# The Faces of Teen Suicide

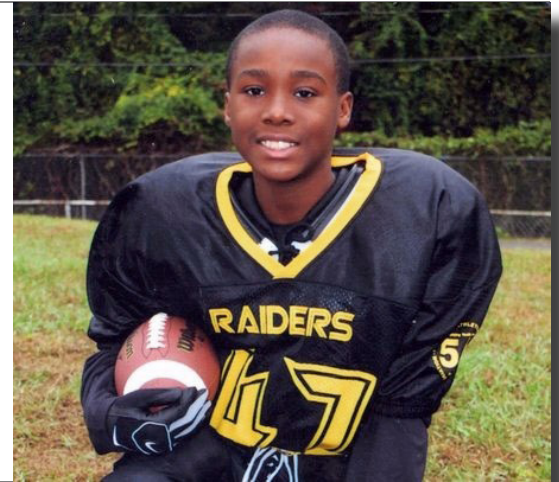
Many, but not all of the these kids were Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, or Questioning. Others were *Perceived as Gay*, even if they were not, and sometimes kids are simply called “Gay” as a method of bullying and harassment.

I tried jumping off a Freeway Overpass when I was 13-years-old, but a passing motorist dragged me off the chain-link-fence, just before I could make it over.

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*11-Year-Old* **Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover** of Springfield, MA, Hanged himself after enduring anti-gay bullying at school, including daily taunts of being gay, despite his mother’s weekly pleas to the school to address the problem.

*Died April 6, 2009*



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*11-Year-Old* **Jaheem Herrera**, of Dekalb County, Georgia, Hanged himself after enduring anti-gay bullying at school. The School investigated and ruled that when the other kids taunted him with the “Gay” word, it meant they wanted him to be happy.

*Died April 16, 2009*



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*12-Year-Old* **Jared High**, of Pasco, Washington, Shot himself with his father’s gun, after being bullied and assaulted at school.

*Died September 28, 1998*



*12-Year-Old* **Julian Houts**, of Defiance, Ohio, Hanged himself after being relentlessly bullied. Julian was a sensitive, and he always complained that he had no friends and about getting bullied in school. He was often labeled as a 'loner,' 'weird' and 'different'. I can see myself in him.

*Died January 10th, 2005*



*13-Year-Old* **Asher Brown**, of Houston, Texas, Shot himself in the head, after relentless anti-gay bullying. Asher had come-out to his parents about being GAY. The school ignored numerous complaints about the bullying. His bullies acted out mock gay sex acts in Physical Education class.

*Died September 23, 2010*



*13-Year-Old* **Ryan Halligan**, of Essex Junction, Vermont, Hanged himself after relentless bullying, including homophobic e-mails, even though he was not Gay, and having a girl pretend she liked him on-line, getting private information about him, then spreading it around, as a joke.

*Died October 3, 2003*



*13-Year-Old* **Seth Walsh**, of Tehachapi, California came-out as Gay, and after relentless homophobic bullying, he Hanged himself. He died after 10 days on life support. The police said they could not prosecute the kids who drove him to his death, because bullying is not a crime.

*Hung Himself on September 19, 2010; Died 9-29-2010*



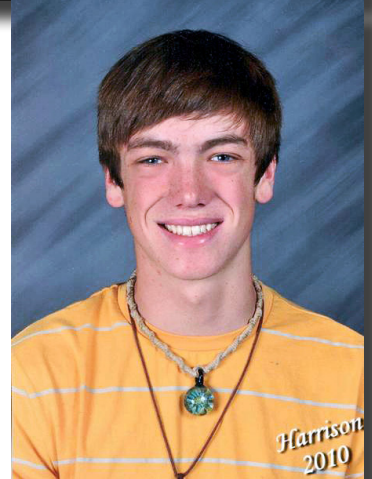
*14-Year-Old **Caleb R. Nolt**, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, killed himself after suffering from anti-Gay bullying, even though he was not Gay. He leaves behind a Twin brother, a strong bond torn apart.  
*Died September 30, 2010**



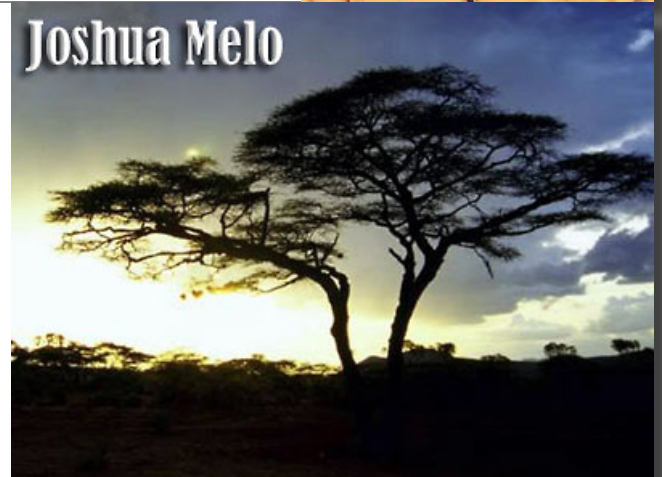
*15-Year-Old **Billy Lucas**, of Greensburg, Indiana, Hanged himself. Billy was singled out for being gay, harassed mercilessly with taunts like, "You are a piece of dirt," "You don't deserve to live," and he got a chair pulled out from him and was told to go hang himself.  
*Died September 9, 2010**



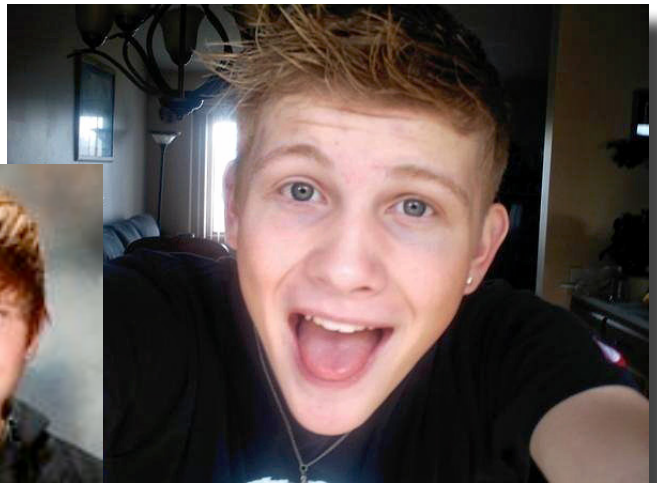
*15-Year-Old **Harrison Chase Brown**, of Rand, Colorado, killed himself. Rumors say that he was Bullied, including anti-Gay bullying. He was an Organ Donor.  
*Died September, 25 2010**



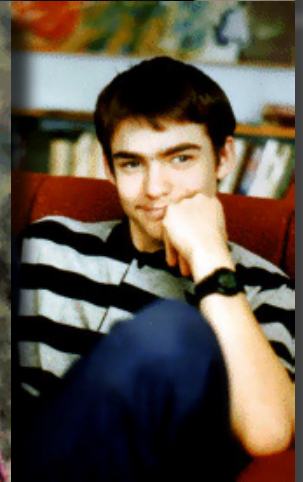
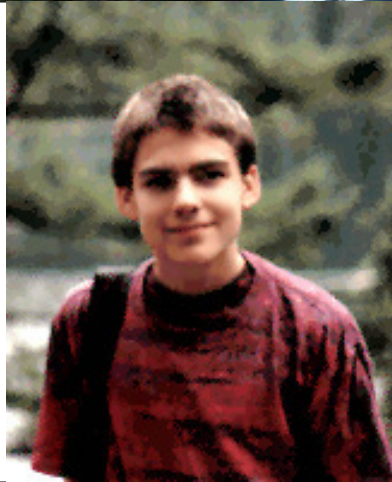
*15-Year-Old **Joshua Melo**, of Strathroy, Ontario, Canada, Hanged himself, after years of incessant bullying, including homophobic slurs. His father says that his son was not Gay, but "It shouldn't matter whether he was or wasn't."  
*Died November 26, 2004**



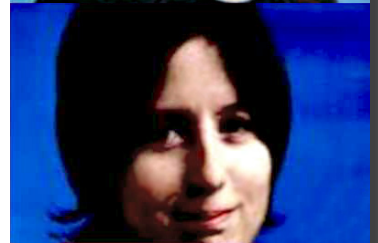
*15-Year-old* **Justin Aaberg**, of Andover, Minnesota, was GAY and Hanged himself after suffering the torment of high school bullying, and after breaking up with his boyfriend.  
*Died July 9, 2010*



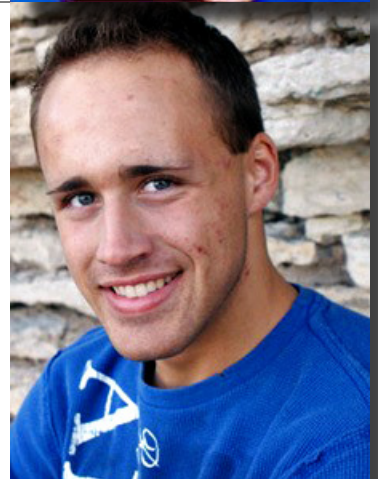
*17-Year-Old* **Bill Clayton**, of Olympia, Washington, killed himself with a massive overdose. Bill came-out as BISEXUAL at age 14. He was severely beaten and hospitalized in an anti-gay Hate Crime.  
*Died May 8, 1995*



*17-Year-Old* **Chantal Dube**, and her partner *21-Year-Old* **Jeanine Blanchette**, of Orangeville, Canada, killed themselves using anti-psychotic pills. They were found together in a wooded clearing, lying together. They had made goodbye calls, then were found 3 days later.  
*Died September 28, 2010*



*17-Year-Old* **Cody J. Barker**, of Shiocton, Wisconsin, killed himself. Hew openly GAY and planned to start a gay/straight alliance at his school. He really cared about making schools a safe place for students. That wasn't always his own experience with school.  
*Died September 13, 2010*



*17-Year-Old* **Eric Mohat**, of Mentor, Ohio, Shot himself with his father's Gun. He was bullied so mercilessly in school that when one bully said publicly in class, "Why don't you go home and shoot yourself, no one will miss you," he did. Much of the taunting was related to him being considered Gay, though Eric's parents said the teen "didn't identify himself that way." *Died March 29, 2007*

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*17-Year-Old* **Felix Sacco**, of Saugus, Massachusetts, killed himself by jumping off a Freeway overpass. Some friends point to bullying as a factor that contributed to Felix Sacco committing suicide. Sacco was a gifted bassist and lived for his music. *Died September. 29, 2010*

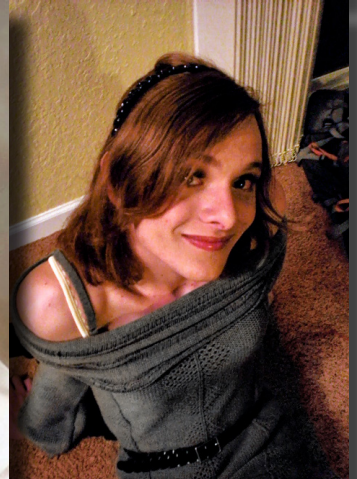
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*18-Year-Old* **Chloe Lacey**, of Clovis, California, was Transgender. She suffered depression and pressure to fit in with society. Her transformation into "Chloe," which would take 10 years, became overwhelming and she killed herself.

*Died September 24, 2010*

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*18-Year-Old* **Tyler Clementi**, of Ridgewood, New Jersey, killed himself by jumping of the George Washington Bridge, after his Rutgers college roommate and his girlfriend secretly taped him having sex with another man, then live-streaming it online.

*Died September 22, 2010*



*19-Year-Old **Aiyisha Hassan**, of Marin County, California. She killed herself after struggling to come to terms with her sexual orientation and the end of a relationship.*

*Died October 4, 2010*



*19-Year-Old **Raymond Chase**, a GAY student at Johnson and Wales University, Rhode Island, Hanged himself in his dormitory room. He was a culinary arts major.*

*Died September 29, 2010*



*19-Year-Old **Zach Harrington**, of Norman, Oklahoma, killed himself after attending a City Council meeting on recognizing October as LGBT History Month in the city. It was this “toxic” exchange among neighbors, railing against the recognition of queers’ contributions to society, that led Zach to take his own life a week later.*

*Died October 5, 2010*



I survived two suicide attempts. It really does get much better. If you are feeling Suicidal, I implore you to TALK TO SOMEONE.

[The TREVOR Project](#) is a site for Suicidal LG-BTQ Youth, where you can get safe, anonymous help and lots of Resources. [Suicide.org](#) also has Resources for both Youth and Adults.

