



# USMWF

United Support & Memorial for Workplace Fatalities

At USMWF we all have the shared experience of losing a loved one in a workplace. We strive to help others across the United States by offering them support, guidance and resources. We use our tragedies to raise awareness about workplace deaths, the toll it takes on families and safe practices.

USMWF tries to take advantage of Workers' Memorial Day Events by offering free targeted topic health and safety training. During this time we also take a family or worker in need under our wing.

## A MOTHER'S GIFT



Teresa Volquardsen lost her daughter, Raven Cole suddenly in October 2009 while working for Werner Construction. She was killed when she was pulled into an auger. Teresa sobbed, *"You have no idea how it feels to know I could not give my little girl her last gift. I still can't afford a head stone for my baby. I can't go out and visit the grave because nothing is there."*

Because of Norfolk Memorial and the donations of many and we were able to present Teresa with a "Mother's Gift" in 2014.

## THE RYAN HITCHLER SAFETY EQUIPMENT



Ryan Hitchler was fatally injured in a construction incident on 5/15/2009. With the help of ABC Supply Co., Home Depot and family member donations USMWF was able to donate safety equipment (6 harnesses in a bucket, 6 safety glasses, 12 safety gloves, 6 hardhats) in 2015 to Grand Island Northwest

High School in honor and memory of Ryan Hitchler.

This High School has an amazing Construction Course that builds homes for Habitat for Humanity and upon giving the equipment we found they had not received safety training, such as fall protection, and we are now arraigning for that to happen. As you can see on the twitter account they are stoked!



**Our large yearly funding hurdle is \$70,000.00 and we still have a long way to reach this goal. If you feel our efforts are worthy please consider making a tax deductible donation to USMWF.**