



VISION: Widow Strong is a Supportive Community Empowering Widows & Their Children To Get Stronger Together in Body, Mind, and Spirit.

MISSION: To Serve & Connect Widows & Their Children with Experiences & Resources that Share Health, Hope, Healing after Loss.

VALUES: Clinically-sound, Biblically-Based Grief Empowerment Strategies Serving & Teaching Widows & Their Children to Thrive After Loss. Widowed Families Triumph by Transforming Their Pain into Their Purpose Through Compassionate Community and Training in Service Leadership.

PROBLEM WORTH SOLVING: The most important factor in the health and wellness of a child after loss is the health and wellness of their primary care giver, the widowed mom. The body's systems need at least 20-months to recover from loss or trauma. Most grief support programs are only 4 to 12 weeks long and do not integrate much-needed mental and physical recovery strategies with Biblically-based teaching.

MISSION OVERVIEW

HISTORY



SCRIPTURE: “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction. . .” James 1 :27

MINISTRY MODEL:

- **CARE:** Caring for the needs of widows and their fatherless children through in-person and online outreach initiatives
- **COMMUNITY:** Creating online and in-person environments in partnership with local churches to offer comprehensive widowed grief support in body, mind, and spirit
- **CULTIVATE:** Small Group Leadership training for widows outreach to local churches to create widow support

MINISTRY SUCCESS INDICATORS AND EXPANSION GOALS:

- Pop-Up Outreach Events for widows & their children in partnership with local churches and sponsors
- National and local sponsorships that provide curriculum, retreats, and conferences to serve widows and their grieving children
- Actively support widows through 10-week & 6-month small groups established in local faith environments, providing 180 Your Life educational materials and support funding
- Widows utilizing their own grief recovery to empower their families and communities



BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADVISORY BOARD

Board of Directors

Mishael Porembski: Founder & Chair
 Rich Gartrell: Prayer Lead
 Paul Mergenhagen: Church Contact Lead
 Dr. Melissa Briscoe LaMarche, DC: Health Lead
 Ken Fletcher: Fundraising Lead
 Jodi O'Brien: Care Lead

Advisory Board Members:

Greg Griffin: Board Consultant
 Harriet Sulcer: Leadership Training Advisor
 Kristen Bland: Marketing Lead
 Shannen Fields: Marketing & Special Projects Assist

HUMAN RESOURCES

Volunteers:

Delayne Culberson: Widow Event Coordinator
 Jamie Patel: Art Workshops for Children at WS Gatherings
 Kirk Hoefler: Fixing, Facilitating, Installing

Corporate Volunteers:

GOODLife Magazine
 Clean Juice
 STORsquare Storage Pods
 Whole Foods: Workshop and Food Donation
 Home Depot: Workshops for Children
 Life University: Student Volunteers

Staff:

Founder and CEO: Mishael Porembski
 Joseph Garza: Media Specialist

	2020	2021	2022	2023/24 GOAL
Total Income	102,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$250,000

FUNDING PLAN

- Our budget is 10% board-funded
- The board plays a 60% roll in fundraising, making introductions, and organizing events
- Funding sources are from individual donors, sponsors, events, and local churches
- The 2022 budget of \$170K empowers up to 1500 widows and grieving families nationally & internationally

MINISTRY IMPACT



MINISTRY GOALS



- The sponsorship of local Widow Strong chapters in partnership with local church communities directly provides consistent grief support resources for widows and their grieving children.
- Seeking future board members with experience and expertise in scaling sustainable service to widows and their children.

QUOTE

“Providing consistent care and healing community to widows of all ages and their grieving children fulfills the call of James 1:27 and incubates powerhouse leaders of compassion for this generation and the next!”

~Mishael Porembski, Founder, Widow Strong

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