

# Roberto's Story



Dusk to Dawn uses the life and death of one young man, Roberto Gonzalez, to demonstrate the destruction caused by violence. Known as Tito to his family and friends, he was born at Nebraska Medicine and grew up in South Omaha, living a life of skateboarding, basketball and rhyming. A happy and lovable kid, he attended R. M. Marris Middle School and later Omaha South High School. On January 22, 2015, he was shot at the corner of 24th and P Streets. He was rushed to Nebraska Medicine, where he died, at just 20 years old.

Roberto Gonzalez  
1994 – 2015

# Dusk to Dawn

## Meet Our Team

### CHARITY EVANS, MD, MHCM, FACS



Dr. Evans is a trauma surgeon at Nebraska Medicine, and director of D2D. She completed medical school at the Chicago Medical School, general surgery residency at Baylor College of Medicine, and surgical critical care fellowship at UC Davis Medical Center.

### ASHLEY EMMEL, MSN, MBA, RN



Ashley is the trauma outreach coordinator at Nebraska Medicine and coordinator of D2D. She completed her BN at Creighton University, then MS in Nursing and MBA at Nebraska Wesleyan University. As trauma outreach coordinator, she directs trauma outreach and education throughout the state of Nebraska.

### STEWART GIDDINGS



Stewart is Operations Director at YouTurn. He holds a BA in Communications and is currently pursuing his MBA. Originally from New York, he overcame the obstacles of the street and gang lifestyle as an adolescent, and now shares a passion for supporting youth.

## Important Questions

**HOW CAN I REFER A CHILD TO DUSK TO DAWN?** Registration is free. The program will be offered once a month, and is held at Nebraska Medicine. You can register for the program by emailing Ashley Emmel at [aemmel@nebraskamed.com](mailto:aemmel@nebraskamed.com) or by calling 402-559-9154.

**DO YOU PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION?** For members of the Boys & Girls Clubs, transportation will be provided by club staff. For non-members, parents will be responsible for transportation to and from the program.

**HOW CAN I PROTECT MY CHILD FROM VIOLENCE?** Be a POSITIVE role model. Teach your children to SET GOALS then praise them for achieving success. KNOW your children's friends and their families. Get INVOLVED in your children's education and activities. Encourage them to stay in SCHOOL. Talk about ways to deal with PEER PRESSURE. Talk to them about the DANGERS of gangs and violence. Tell your children you disapprove of VIOLENCE and don't want to see them hurt or arrested. Show your children that you and other adults are working against violence in your COMMUNITY.

For more information:  
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# About Dusk to Dawn

Dusk to Dawn is a hospital-based youth violence prevention program at Nebraska Medicine. This 2 1/2 hour program begins in the trauma bay where youth relive the final moments of one young man's life as violence stole his life at the age of 20. Youth will see the drastic measures taken in attempt to save a life and the destruction violence places on victims, families and communities.

A trained violence prevention specialist guides youth through exercises to build **RISK RECOGNITION** and **PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS**. Youth will learn to recognize their **VALUES** and **EMOTIONS**, and how their decisions affect their well being. Youth will leave D2D with a plan for **PROTECTION** from violence.

## Our Community Partners

Dusk to Dawn is made possible through collaboration with our partners:

- Omaha Police Department
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands
- YouTurn

We thank our partners for their support and contributions. We thank Roberto's family for allowing us to tell his story in hopes of preventing another family's grief and suffering caused by violence.



...what if a trauma center not only **TREATS** victims of violence, but also **PREVENTS** violence before it occurs?

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## D2D

## Youth Violence Prevention Program



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