

# Lexi Schnur Receives Champion Circle Recognition

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We introduced a new Hall of Fame category this year, called the **Champions Circle**, to recognize those who use creative or innovative solutions to help fund the Wings for Widows' mission. This year we are recognizing 15-year old Lexi Schnur for her outstanding fundraising efforts.

Lexi's father, David, died in July 2021 after a 19-month battle with cancer. Lexi told her mother, Meredith, and sister, Samantha, that she wanted to help fundraise to honor her father.



Fundraising at just 13 years old, Lexi found that the activity diverted her attention from loss to grief to helping make a difference for others. Lexi felt great about honoring her father and wanted a longer-term project. Her search led her to Wings for Widows in early November 2022.

Lexi founded Beyond the Grief Mission (BTGM) in March of this year. The sole mission of BTGM is to fundraise for Wings for Widows using an army of youth ambassadors with a heart for our mission. The first campaign was a tee-shirt drive that raised over \$2,200. Their latest campaign was a popcorn drive raising over \$3,000. BTGM has raised more than \$7,000 for Wings For Widows this year, not counting most of the summer when kids can just be kids.



What started out as a middle-school project in New Jersey is growing into a national movement. “We are so excited about what Lexi is doing, which goes well beyond Wings For Widows,” says Chris Bentley, Executive Director of Wings for Widows. “Lexi and her fellow ambassadors’ support is helping widowed men and women and their families in crisis around the country. We are

honored to have Lexi and BTGM on our team and recognize Lexi as our Champions Circle recipient for 2023.”

To learn more about Beyond the Grief Mission and how you can become a BTGM Ambassador, visit [here](#).

To hear Lexi’s story, visit [here](#)