

Scarlett Lewis

Founder of Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement™

Scarlett Lewis founded the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement™ after her son was murdered during the Sandy Hook tragedy in December 2012. Shortly after his death, Scarlett decided to be part of the solution to the issues that we're seeing in our society—the same issues that also caused the tragedy. She created the Movement and became an advocate for social and emotional learning (SEL) that teaches children how to manage their emotions, feel connected, and have healthy relationships.

Scarlett works to promote the Choose Love Enrichment Program™, a free, comprehensive, evidence-based SEL program that empowers educators and their students to choose love for themselves and others. While we can't always choose what happens to us, we can choose how we respond. This program teaches children how to handle adversity, have courageous conversations, and to respond with love.

Scarlett has been instrumental in changing legislation to incorporate SEL into schools. The Jesse Lewis Empowering Educators Act was introduced by Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal and, in December 2015, Congress approved Every Student Succeeds Act. Scarlett graduated from Boston University with a B.S. in Communications in 1990. She has worked in the finance industry as a bond trader, investment banker and real estate. Scarlett is an artist and avid horsewoman; she lives in Connecticut with her son, JT.



Hear from Scarlett Lewis, along with other survivors of school shootings and safety incidents, at the **National Summit on School Safety**, March 28-30, 2019 in Houston, Texas. This conference is presented by Safe and Sound Schools and Region 4 Education Service Center and will focus on comprehensive school safety. With deep-dive breakout sessions, hands-on workshops, leadership round tables, inspirational keynotes, and dedicated networking, attendees will add to their school safety toolbox to better meet their community's school safety needs. Register here: <https://www.safeandsoundschools.org/national-summit-on-school-safety/>.