



Rachel "Rae" Kann

"Rae" is a founding member of the RDK Melanoma Foundation in memory of her loving son Richard. Her passion for the organization is deeply seated in the despair of her loss of a very special human being whom she cherished. Rae hopes that prevention and early detection education will keep other families from suffering such an unnecessary tragedy.

Rae has been a resident of Florida for over 65 years. She has an extensive educational background that includes degrees in microbiology, construction management, and real estate. Rae has two daughters, two sons-in law, twenty-two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation

Our Mission: The mission of the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation is to save lives through education about the prevention and early detection of skin cancer, especially melanoma.

Our Vision: The Foundation's vision is *"to educate children throughout the country and give them the skills necessary to make healthy sun safety choices throughout their lives."* As the Foundation grows we will continue to advocate for school districts throughout the country to require sun safety education as part of their curriculum.

The Overview of the Foundation: The Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation was started in 1995 after Richard Kann died at age 44 of a late detected melanoma. Family and friends formed an organization to help the local and national community prevent and detect skin cancer early.

The Melanoma Foundation is one of the first organizations in the country that has been on the cutting edge of skin cancer preventive education and the only organization in Florida. After extensive review of health education literature, the Foundation selected the successful SunSmart curricula from Australia on which to base its many programs and adapt to local educational standards and environment. The Foundation utilizes SunSmart America™ for grades K-12.

The Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation has educated hundreds of thousands of students, families, staff, and communities, to make critical sun safe choices for healthy lives. We have presented in public and private schools, community groups, professional associations, and businesses, in Palm Beach County and throughout the state of Florida.

Melanoma and other skin cancers are almost 100% preventable and curable if detected and treated early. The Foundation's goal is to educate the public so that no other family suffers a loss of a loved one from skin cancer.

More Information visit our website at: <http://melanomafoundation.com/>