Cassidy McMillan: Cutting Edge Filmmaker Advocating for the Prevention of Bullying

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Cassidy McMillan was compelled to make a documentary that addresses bullying and suicide. "Right now, the Centers for Disease Control states suicide is the third leading cause of death among children ages 10 to 24," says the activist, journalist, actress and former investigator. "Bullying and bullying-related suicides are becoming a silent epidemic."

Cassidy made "Bullies and Friends" as a way of opening up dialogue toward change. She works with educators, students and communities around the globe to find a way to quash this silent epidemic. "I like to focus on one person, one story within an issue to help bring the issue into a more specific focus and see how it can be addressed," she says of her filmmaking style.

DyNAMC Magazine spoke with Cassidy about her role as a filmmaker and activist, as well as her thoughts on how everyone can get involved in preventing teenage bullying and suicide.



