

The Justin Veatch Fund, Inc.

Who We Are: The Justin Veatch Fund, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization and a registered New York charity. We were formed in 2009 following the 2008 death of my 17 year old son Justin to an accidental drug overdose. He was a senior at Yorktown HS and an aspiring musician on the way to finishing the recording of his first music album.

Our Mission: to honor Justin's legacy with music scholarships to graduating high school seniors (We have awarded 42 so far) and providing mentoring and programs for musical teens. We also counsel on prevention of substance abuse among teens. Jeffrey Veatch's multimedia talk A Message from Justin has been presented to more than 40-thousand students in our area and can be seen on the Facebook page [facebook.com/ivorytonpiano](https://www.facebook.com/ivorytonpiano). The independently produced documentary film Whispering Spirits tells Justin's story and is designed to be used with our discussion guides for both school classrooms and community meetings and can be viewed on its website whispering-spirits.com. In addition Jeffrey Veatch produces a podcast The Drug Crisis: Faces Behind the Struggle at facesbehindthestruggle.libsyn.com

Your Donations at Work: Donations are used to help us continue our music scholarships. We plan to award at least another six, \$1000 scholarships on June 10th even though our awards program at Yorktown Town Hall will not be able to take place. Our website www.thejustinveatchfund.org includes a donation page.

How Justin's Legacy Lives On: We managed to finish Justin's album with the help of covers of his original music by musical friends from across the U.S and Canada. It was distributed by Polyvinyl Records in 2010. "Permagrin: The Music of Justin Veatch" can be heard and purchased on most music streaming platforms with all proceeds going to our scholarships.