



# Jessica Frazier

## Died Age 18

### Heroin

My being is severed; forever broken. I live in two realities—one with my lovely Jessica, and one here nurturing my two other children. By myself.

Jessica was preparing herself to work with children who needed her love and gentle compassion. She wanted to help through her art and poetry. I planned to take her to Europe where I met her father, and to help her get to India, as she was completely fascinated with India.

I won't get to see her smile light up my heart or hold a child's hand....

My body aches to hold her in my arms again and again...

My daughter, Jessica died from bad heroin that was

sold to her from the streets of Cincinnati. She had turned 18 six weeks before. We struggled to help her through treatment centers and therapists from the age of 15. No successful program exists for children under age 18—and on heroin. This drug remains in the bone marrow and adipose (fat) tissue and continues to metabolize and trigger for five years.

If we can help people and innocent children with diseases including alcohol, why do we turn our backs on those with this terrifying addiction to heroin?

People are afraid and people are ignorant. They don't want to know. It takes a village to raise a child.

~ Deborah Frazier ~

*Remembering Lost Promise*