



## ***Meet Board Member Jeff Hansen***

***Director of Operations - Slumberland***



When did you join the board? I joined the board in the fall of 2016

Why did you join? I had been wanting to join a nonprofit organization that I would find fulfilling, had a good reputation, and that I could somehow contribute to in some manner. I heard there was a board opening with SAVE and met with Dan. I was very impressed with Dan and the work he was doing. I have been impacted by a couple different suicides over the years (one co-worker and one cousin) and decided this cause was very important and learned just how big of an issues it has become especially with younger people.

What skills to you bring to the board? I come from a management background in an organization that had a very diverse group of employees. I saw firsthand the struggles some of these people were dealing with on a day to day basis including mental health issues. Also, I have always enjoyed working with budgets, forecasting, creative cost saving measures, and hoped I could give some insight into these areas for the board.

What do you most like about serving on the board? I find Dan (SAVE's Executive Director) to be an incredible leader of SAVE. He works tirelessly, stays optimistic, is always looking for new ways to make SAVE have a bigger impact in the area of suicide prevention, and gives the board excellent updates throughout the year. I also enjoy the other board members who share great passion in this important area and give very thoughtful ideas to Dan and the other board members. I also appreciate how much I have learned about suicide and the impact it is having all over the world, and it is very inspiring to be part of SAVE and see such great work being done year after year.