

Feedback Corner

"Thank you so much for sharing your stories. I think that out of all the safety assemblies we have had, your presentation was the best and impacted our class the most."

"Our staff and students are still talking about your stories and the facts that you presented, They are openly talking about changes in their life and how they will approach the decisions their friends and family make. Their reaction confirms the importance of your work."

"I will not be afraid to speak up if I don't like the way the driver is driving."

"Today I wore my seatbelt, and yesterday I didn't. Thanks."

"I've always known drinking and driving was a bad idea, but I did it anyway. The perspective of the mothers made me think of my own mother and how she would feel. I could never do that to her. I will never take that risk again."

"I have learned to think about the decisions that I make before I get myself into a stupid situation. Before you came I would always do what my friends wanted to do like most teenagers would, but not anymore. I truly want to thank you for changing my life for the better and sharing your stories."

"The point was delivered with strong and convincing evidence. It moved me, and the audience was more quiet than I have ever heard it."

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In Loving Memory of Our Children

Grandchildren, Brothers, Sisters, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, Friends

What is !IMPACT?

In December 2002, within an eleven-day period and a twenty-five mile radius, five teenage boys were killed in three separate car crashes in Connecticut. The parents of three of those boys joined forces to found **Mourning Parents ACT, Inc.**, also known as **!IMPACT**. Since then, membership has grown to include other bereaved family members and friends, as well as teen crash survivors.

!IMPACT is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to eliminate tragedies caused by inexperienced drivers through awareness, education and legislation.

What does !IMPACT do?

!IMPACT has developed a teen driving safety program in which members share their experiences in a powerfully emotional presentation that not only has an immediate effect on students, but makes a lasting impression on them. Feedback from attendees indicates that this program effectively reduces risky driving/riding behavior in teens.

!IMPACT has also developed a program for parents, educators and law enforcement officials; and is working to advance legislation that will protect teen drivers, their passengers and the people who share the roads with them.

Thanks to the donations of sponsors and the help of volunteers, **!IMPACT** made presentations to over 23,000 teens and parents this past year. We also expanded our awareness campaign with the purchase of additional **!IMPACT** highway safety billboards.

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IN MEMORY OF
Daniel Palmer Age 17 Alyssa Roy Age 16 Ryan Ramirez Age 19
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Schedule an !IMPACT Presentation



Our **!IMPACT** family with WFSB's Scott Haney at our annual Tee Off For Teen Driving Safety golf tournament fundraiser.

Contact Us - If you would like **!IMPACT** to visit your school or organization. There is no fee to high schools.

Involve Students - Identify student groups and get them involved. You will get the added energy, excitement and sense of ownership that will provide the basis for a successful program.

Be Sensitive - If your school or organization has suffered losses due to automobile accidents, be sensitive to students. **!IMPACT** presentations are often emotionally charged. Offer an opt-out option for anyone who does not feel comfortable participating.

Teens - Ask about how you can help raise teen safe driving awareness, and get some community service hours!



!IMPACT Founder Sherry Chapman with Governor Dannel P. Malloy.

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