



The overall race winner was 15-year old Rylan Hummer of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

At the end of the race, everyone gathered to enjoy refreshments and find out the fastest times and raffle winners. Randy and Marcie Taylor distributed a plethora of prizes donated by Holly Cieri and her Human Communication studies class at Shippensburg University. The prizes ranged from gift cards to mini fridges.

Although not everyone went home a winner, participants were still happy to spend their Saturday morning supporting the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation. Runners will have their chance to race again on November 14, 2015.

## Dash for Drew

On Saturday, November 8, the Dash for Drew 2-miler took place at Greencastle Antrim Senior High School. 300 participants attended that morning including family, friends and community members.

Race-attendees were given the option to participate in a fun run/walk or competitive race against other runners. The runners were split into age groups, 18 years and under, 19 to 39, and 40 and over. There was a male and female winner from each age group.

Drew's grandma crosses the Dash for Drew finish line.



## Drew's Hope

The Drew's Hope family has expanded and is now bigger and better than ever. Grieving families can now benefit from Drew's Hope, even if they do not live near the Shippensburg area. Thanks to the second location in Greencastle, families have more flexibility to seek support and get the help they need.

Drew's Hope is a free grief and loss support group that is offered to families that have lost a loved one. The seven-week program includes a free meal at each session, friendly supportive facilitators and other families to share and connect with.

Families are divided into the age groups: adults, adolescents, and kids. Each group participates in meaningful discussion and creative activities to help in their grieving process.



A Drew's Hope family lights a candle of remembrance in honor of their loved one.

For the fall session, there were five families registered in Shippensburg which met at Grace B. Luhrs Elementary school every other Wednesday from 6-8 pm. There were nine families registered for Greencastle which met at Greencastle Antrim Middle school every other Tuesday from 6-8 pm.

The Drew's Hope program has helped almost a hundred families thus far. Spring 2015 sessions will begin in early February. Register by contacting Marcie Taylor at 717-532-8922 or [drewmichaeltaylor@pa.net](mailto:drewmichaeltaylor@pa.net).

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The Drew Michael Taylor Foundation is now a proud member of the Instagram world. DMTF wants to promote their services and uses social media to do so. Presence on Facebook, Twitter, and now Instagram allows the DMTF to show its followers the work and fun that occurs behind the scenes of the foundation.

The foundation's new social media outlet will allow friends and followers to take a look at the exciting events of the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation. The images on the new social media site will hopefully excite and encourage others to participate in the foundation's fun events.



Shippensburg University students are "Holding onto HOPE" to support grieving kids for Children's Grief Awareness Day.

## Children's Grief Awareness Day

On the 3rd Thursday in November, people across the country wear blue to support grieving kids on Children's Grief Awareness Day. This year was no different with the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation. In preparation for the awareness day, the DMTF reached out to friends, families, schools and local businesses asking them to wear blue. The foundation dis-

tributed stickers with their logo and the quote, "I'm wearing blue to support grieving children."

A few days beforehand, the DMTF's fall intern, Maura Coyne, set up an awareness table in Shippensburg University's Cedia Union Building. Students and faculty were able to stop by the table and learn about Children's Grief Awareness Day and the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation. Maura handed out stickers and blue butterfly lollipops to remind students to wear blue that Thursday. Ship students graciously donated and got their

picture taken with the blue butterfly, Hope. Their photo with the butterfly symbolized "Holding onto HOPE" to support grieving children. The pictures were then uploaded to social media with the hashtag #CGAD2014 in order to trend similar posts across the country.

On Children's Grief Awareness Day, DMTF supporters showed their support by sporting blue attire. Local businesses employees, students and faculty made this simple gesture to spread the word about grieving children across the country.

Many community members were especially involved in this day. At the Shape Gallery from 4-7 pm, the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation hosted an Ornament Remembrance Making activity for children and families who lost a pet or a loved one. At this event, families could decorate their ornaments in order to honor their loved one.

Families came and went throughout the

evening while relaxing with music and fellow community members. This event for grieving families transformed what could have been a difficult day into a relaxing and reverent one.

## Christmas for Causes

On Monday, November 24th the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation hosted the 5th Annual Christmas for Causes at Premier Events.

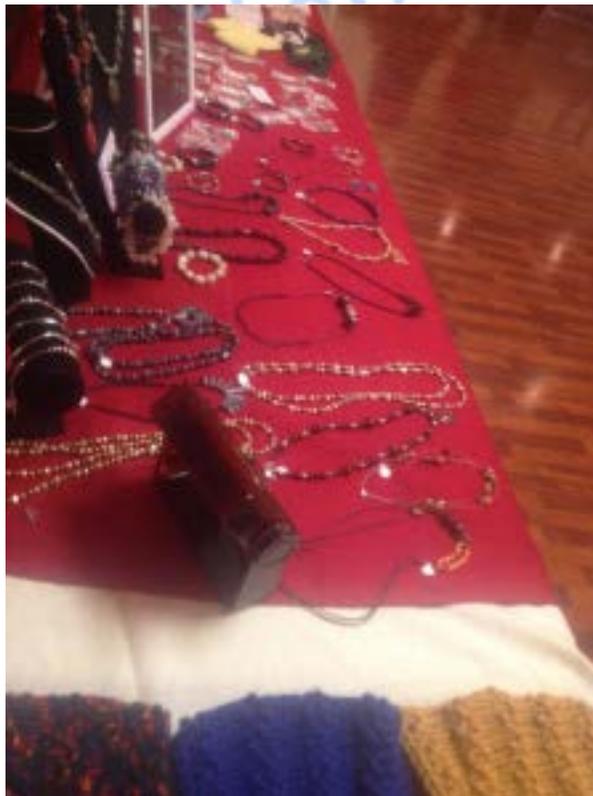
This special craft show benefitted local Shippensburg charities including the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation, Chris Campbell Memorial Scholarship, Episcopal Home, Reins of Rhythm, Friends of the Shippensburg Library, Shippensburg Produce and Outreach, the Local Gathering, the Harbor and more. Local crafters were able to participate if they donated a portion or all of their

profits to local charities. No matter how much they received, the people working for these charities were extremely grateful for the generosity.

Crafters also offered reasonable prices for their goods to make it even more tempting to help out local charities and causes. This year, Christmas for Causes raised over \$2,300 for local Shippensburg charities.

There were enough gifts to please even the pickiest person on anyone's list. Home-made goods sold at the craft show included hand-made scarves, hats, paintings, pottery, jewelry, ornaments and much more. For a person with a sweet tooth, baked goods including cookies, pumpkin logs, and truffles were also available.

During the holiday season, nothing feels better than helping those in need, especially if they are right in your community.



The Drew Michael Taylor Foundation stand sold many homemade goods including jewelry, cowls, American Girl Doll clothes, ornaments, greeting cards and more! 100% of the foundation's proceeds went to the DMTF.

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