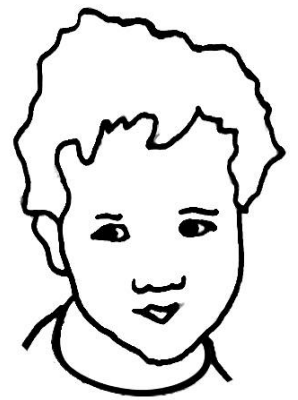


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Spring 2015 Newsletter



## Drew's Hope Spring 2015

The Drew Michael Taylor Foundation is happy to continue offering grief and loss support to children, teens, and their families in the local community through the Drew's Hope program. This semester was no exception. There were 9 families registered for the Shippensburg location, which met at Grace B. Luhrs University Elementary School every other Tuesday from 6pm - 8pm from February to April.



Drew's Hope is a free grief and loss support group program that meets bi-weekly for a total of seven sessions. At each session, families enjoy a meal while getting to know each other and the group facilitators. After the meal, participants are divided into groups of children, adolescents, and adults. Activities for children and teens include therapy dog visits, arts and crafts, games, and discussion. Adult groups are more focused on grief education and discussion.



If you are interested in learning more about the Fall 2015 program, which begins in early September, contact Marcie Taylor, Drew's Hope Family Services Coordinator at 717-532-8922 or at [drewmichaeltaylor@pa.net](mailto:drewmichaeltaylor@pa.net). The program has two locations: Shippensburg University and Greencastle-Antrim Middle School.



## Local Award Winner Donates to DMTF

In February, Gregg Cerrone, a 911 dispatcher with the Franklin County Department of Emergency Services, was nominated for the nationally-recognized Smart Telecommunicator Award. This award recognizes emergency dispatchers for going above and beyond to help callers. Cerrone did just that when he helped save a suicidal man's life.

On April 16, Franklin County Commissioners awarded Cerrone the Northeast Regional Smart Telecommunicator Award. Along with receiving the award, Cerrone was given \$500 to donate to a charity. Cerrone decided he would give his donation to The Drew Michael Taylor Foundation.

Cerrone and his wife Georgia sought help from the organization after Georgia's daughter Stephanie was killed in an auto accident. Since then, the couple has been raising Stephanie's son, Bryson. The family completed one Drew's Hope program shortly after Stephanie passed away, and they are currently completing a second program this spring. Cerrone has stated that the foundation has done so much to help his family through the tragedy, so it was only appropriate that he do something to give back to the organization. The DMTF is very grateful for Cerrone's hard work as a 911 dispatcher and for his generous donation to the foundation.



Alumni from odd graduation years went up against alumni from even years. Graduation years spanned from 1976 to 2014. It was a close game, but the even team ended up with its third win in nine years, defeating the odds team 47-43. Another highlight of the day was a special Easter egg hunt for children at halftime.

## SU Children's Fair

The Drew Michael Taylor Foundation participated in the Shippensburg University Children's Fair on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 10 am - 2 pm in Heiges Field House. The foundation had a Reading Corner set up for the children. During the fair, the children could stop by the Reading Corner, sit in a comfy chair, and read a book. This was a great way for the children to take a break from the hustle and bustle going on around them in the field house. After the children read their books, they were allowed to take the books home with them. All of the children attending the fair had a great day!



## Greyhound Alumni Game

Shippensburg Area Senior High School alumni got together for an afternoon of basketball and fun at the 9th annual Drew Michael Taylor Foundation Greyhound Alumni Basketball Game on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 3 pm at the Shippensburg Area Senior High School. Entry to the game was a donation to the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation. In total, the foundation received \$772 in donations from fans and a generous donation of \$400 from the event sponsor, Robert S. Reed Excavating and Septic Design.



## Dunks for Drew

It was an exciting day of high school basketball at this year's Dunks for Drew basketball tournament! Most importantly, the event raised needed funds for the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation! A special thank you needs to be given to the event sponsor, M&T Bank, for its generous \$750 donation to the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation.

The Greencastle-Antrim Blue Devils, Gettysburg Warriors, Chambersburg Trojans, and Shippensburg Greyhounds all came out to participate in the event, which was held at Chambersburg Area Senior High School on January 31, 2015.

The day was not only exciting, but rewarding as well. Gettysburg Warriors head coach Jeff Bair was excited about his first year participating in the Dunks for Drew tournament. "The Drew Michael Taylor Foundation does great things for Franklin County, and we are excited to be a part of it. We were very motivated to come here today and teach life lessons that go with athletics," Bair said.

Players also had a great time playing their favorite sport to help a local cause. Kayleen Sydnor, a junior from the Shippensburg Lady Greyhounds, said that she participated in the event before, and was happy to be back this year. She said, "My favorite part of participating in Dunks for Drew is getting to watch and play with other teams all to help a great cause."



The Drew Michael Taylor Foundation, thanks to the Luhrs Performing Arts Center, was able to extend appreciation to district employees by giving away two tickets to an event at the Luhrs Performing Arts Center. The lucky winner was Justin Vecchioli of the Chambersburg Area School District.

Overall, the 2015 Dunks for Drew was a huge success! It would not have been possible without the players, coaches, fans, cheerleaders, referees, athletic staff, and Booster Clubs. Thank you to everyone who made the day great!

## Clutter for Causes



Because one man's trash is a charity's treasure! That was the motto for the first Clutter for Causes indoor yard sale held at the Messiah United Methodist Church in Shippensburg on March 21, 2015 from 8am until 2pm. At Clutter for Causes, people from the community were invited to an indoor yard sale where proceeds would benefit local charities. Sellers were asked to give at least 20 percent of their profits to a local charity of their choice, but many ended up donating 100 percent of their profits! Of course, the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation had a table set up and was able to raise \$186 from selling items. Additionally, the foundation earned \$85 from donations from other sellers.

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### How to Help

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation, visit the organization's website ([www.drewmichaeltaylor.org](http://www.drewmichaeltaylor.org)) or mail a check to the address below.

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### DMTF Upcoming Events

#### **June 26, 2015 - Family Fun Carnival & Splash Party**

Shippensburg Memorial Park from 6 pm - 9 pm  
For a \$10 wristband, you can swim in the pool and bounce, climb, jump, and slide to your heart's content on a large variety of inflatable attractions from Phantom Shadow Entertainment. Popcorn, cotton candy, and snow-cones will also be available for purchase.

#### **August 3, 2015: Tee Off For Drew**

Chambersburg Country Club  
Sponsored by Kyner's Auto Sales  
Registration information will be available soon on the DMTF website.

#### **November 14, 2015: Dash for Drew 2 Mile Race/Fun Walk**

Greencastle-Antrim High School at 9:30 am  
Registration forms will be available on the DMTF website closer to the date of the event.

#### **November 19, 2015: Children's Grief Awareness Day**

Wear BLUE to show your support for grieving kids.