



## KATIE DECUBELLIS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

*October 29th 1999, a drunk driver killed 13 year old Katie DeCubellis and her friend's mother Marsha Bowman. The KDMF continues their legacy by promoting youth leadership, supporting education, and generating public awareness of the dangers of drunk driving and substance abuse.*

Narragansett | Rhode Island - The family of Katie DeCubellis has turned their private pain into a public crusade to help put an end to driving while under the influence. The mission of the Katie DeCubellis Memorial Foundation is to raise awareness about the dangers of drunk driving.

"Losing a child is a parent's worst nightmare, but after Katie's death, Meg and I were committed to keeping her spirit and legacy alive and to do whatever we could to hopefully, spare other parents from suffering similar tragedies," says John DeCubellis. "The KDMF has provided us the opportunity to do that for the past 10 years. We have had a great deal of help along the way and remain forever grateful to and proud of all of our Board members and supporters who continue to help the KDMF to make a difference!"



### **KDMF Accomplishments:**

- Awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships, prizes and donations
- Donated \$50,000 to the Narragansett Library, dedicating the children's room in Katie's honor
- The KDMF has pledged \$100,000 to support construction of the Student-

Athlete Development Center at the University of Rhode Island.

- KDMF fought to lower the blood alcohol driving limit to .08 in Rhode Island
- The KDMF hosts an annual creative writing contest. In 2010, Rhode Island College professor Thomas Cobb, most recognized for the movie based on his book "Crazy Heart", volunteered as a celebrity judge.
- KDMF produced an educational video for use in Rhode Island Driver's Education programs. "The Deadly Consequences of Drunk Driving" is now a mandatory requirement for students. The video is distributed nationwide.
- In addition to the video, Meg and John DeCubellis continue visiting schools around the country, speaking to students about the dangers of drunk driving. Together, they have visited over 100,000 middle school, high school and college students, and parents, law enforcement officers and military personnel throughout the country.
- The Katie DeCubellis Memorial Foundation is nearing completion of the Garden of Hope project in Narragansett.

Meg and John DeCubellis are always available for media interviews. Publicity Crew can provide home video and photos of Katie upon request. To schedule an interview please contact Julie Ruditzky (860) 334 4774 or Laura Clarizio (617) 852 7784