

karen's story

"Caring Karen..."

"A true friend..."

"Someone you could count on..."

Those closest to Karen Kwiatkowski will never forget a woman who touched so many lives in a very short period of time.

Karen was just 18 years old when her life was tragically cut short on March 6th, 1998. Karen was home on Spring Break when the car she was riding in was struck head-on by a drunk driver on a two lane street in South Buffalo, NY.

Karen was a daughter, a sister, and a friend. She was a freshman, majoring in Sports Medicine at St. Bonaventure University in Olean, NY.

Like your daughter or son, Karen was loved and cherished by her family. She had hopes and dreams. She was just like your child. Karen was a beautiful young woman who was an innocent victim of a DWI crash, a preventable crime.

Crusade Against Impaired Driving, Inc. (C.A.I.D.) or "Karen's Crusaders", was started by Karen's sister Deanna to keep her memory alive and to prevent drunk driving from devastating other families.



Karen Kwiatkowski 4/3/'79 - 3/6/'98

C.A.I.D. Mission

Our mission is to save lives that are tragically lost daily at the hands of drunk drivers through education, advocacy, awareness, and victim services. We will aggressively work to inform people about the dangers of drunk driving and the threat these drivers are to the community until that threat has disappeared completely.

C.A.I.D. Community Services

- Promote education and heighten awareness of the dangers and often tragic consequences of DWI.
- Presentation to schools, driver education classes, and civic organizations using power point and video.
- Produce anti-DWI announcements for schools that will educate young adults on the dangers of driving while impaired.
- Working closely with local enforcement agencies to educate and prevent drunk driving crashes on our highways.
- Promote awareness by depicting the devastating physical as well as emotional wounds that are created when someone chooses to drive im-

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