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Three months after their 3-year-old son was killed in a car crash, Shippensburg residents Randy and Marcie Taylor are creating a foundation in his honor that will provide educational and recreational opportunities for children. The Taylor family will host two events to help raise funding for the Foundation in honor of Drew, who was killed in a car accident on June 13 near the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

The first event, Concert for Drew, will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Oct. 22 at Clipper Magazine Stadium in Lancaster. The concert will feature live musical performances from Lancaster County musician Duane Slaymaker.

In addition to door prizes, there will be rides and rock wall-climbing activities for children. A silent auction will be conducted at the concert. Tickets will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and younger. Ticket prices will include an all-you-can-eat picnic for those in attendance.

Marcie Taylor said Wolf's Bus Lines and the Chambersburg Boy's Youth Basketball Association will offer free round-trip bus transportation from Shippensburg's Kmart parking lot, 40 Shippensburg Shopping Center, to the stadium, although seating will be limited.

The Taylors also will host the Dash For Drew two-mile fun run/walk beginning at 9 a.m. Nov. 11 at Greencastle-Antrim High School. Participants who register before Oct. 27 will pay a \$15 entry fee and receive a free T-shirt. Participants who register on the day of the marathon will pay a \$20 entry fee, Marcie Taylor said.

Awards will be given to the male and female winner of each race division, including scholastic (runners younger than 19), open (runners between the ages of 19 and 39) and masters (runners older than 39). All participants will qualify for random prize drawings.

Proceeds raised from both events will go to the Randy and Marcie Taylor Donation Account at Orrstown Bank and will be used to establish the Foundation.

The car accident that claimed Drew Taylor's life occurred on June 13 in North Carolina during a family vacation. Randy Taylor was driving south on North Carolina 12 when a lumber truck driven by Gregory Lane Jones of Powells Point, N.C., crossed into the southbound lane and collided with Taylor's minivan and a truck driven by Cynthia Ann Muscia of Kitty Hawk, N.C.

The Taylors, daughter Lauren, 7, son Drew, 3, Marcie Taylor's mother, Shirley Ditzler, were in the minivan. Randy Taylor suffered two broken bones in his back and Marcie Taylor was seriously injured. Lauren Taylor and Ditzler suffered minor injuries.

Jones, who was not hurt in the crash, was charged with misdemeanor death by a vehicle.

"While our broken bones have mended, our hearts are forever broken," Marcie Taylor said. "Drew was a beautiful little boy inside and out and we miss him terribly."

Marcie Taylor said the Foundation will focus on providing opportunities for children by funding established organizations and existing programs in need of financial assistance, giving particular attention to the needs of disadvantaged children.

Early plans for the foundation include establishing a scholarship for students at Lancaster Catholic High School, Marcie Taylor's alma mater. Marcie Taylor said the family also hopes to use the foundation to create an annual community service award at Greencastle-Antrim High School, by awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to one student who performs outstanding community service.

Marcie Taylor said the foundation could be used to establish a "Zero to Four" school readiness program in the Chambersburg Area and Shippensburg Area school districts to help parents prepare their children for success in school.

"There's a number of programs still in discussions. We're still in the idea phase," Marcie Taylor said.

Marcie Taylor is a teacher at Chambersburg Area Senior High School. Randy Taylor teaches at Greencastle-Antrim High School and coaches basketball at Scotland School for Veterans' Children.

For more information on the "Concert For Drew" and "Dash For Drew" events, visit [www.drewmichaeltaylor.org](http://www.drewmichaeltaylor.org).