

What's New With Drew – A Newsletter of the DMTF

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Dunks For Drew



On Saturday, February 13, 2010, athletes, fans and supporters attended the annual event at Chambersburg Area Senior High School. This boys' basketball doubleheader involved two games, in which Milton Hershey faced off against Greencastle-Antrim at 6 p.m. and Chambersburg High School battled Shippensburg High School played at 7:30 p.m.

This event was sponsored Peak Performance Physical Therapy, and all proceeds benefited The Drew Michael Taylor Foundation.

Rock 4 Drew

The Fourth Annual Rock 4 Drew benefit concert was held on April 24, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Britton Road Park in Shippensburg. At this event, there was an arts and crafts tent and also a chili cook off. Hog Heaven won the Golden Ladle for this year's chili cook off with a mouth-watering seafood chili.

This year's concert included performances by Mightychondria, The Hello Strangers, Nancy & Jody, Will Knox, Pale Barn Ghosts, Nick Staver and the Ryan Payne Band. \$2,500 was raised this year for The Drew Michael Taylor Foundation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 25, 2010

Family Fun Night
Carnival & Splash Party
6-9 p.m.
Shippensburg Memorial Park

August 2, 2010

Tee Off For Drew
Benefit Golf Tournament
Registration begins at 8 a.m.
Eagles Crossing Golf Course
Carlisle, PA

DMTF Plays Ball

On Saturday, May 2, 2010, The Drew Michael Taylor Foundation was the featured community organization of the game as the Harrisburg Senators took on the Altoona Curve in a great game featuring young pitching phenomenon Stephen Strasburg. The stands were packed as the Taylors were interviewed on the field, and also on the Senators radio broadcast, to discuss the events and programs of the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation. The first pitch was thrown by nine-year-old Nicholas Weltz, a past participant in the Drew's Hope grief and loss support program.

This game was also a Drew's Hope family fun outing, which was made possible by a generous grant from the Franklin County Foundation. The Board members of the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation and their families were also invited to attend the game. Because of a special promotion called "Field of Dreams", children of the Drew's Hope families and children of board members were able to be on the field with the players for the national anthem. It was a great, although hot, day of baseball enjoyed by all.

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Ready, Set, Go!

Ready, Set, Go! is an early learning program for parents and their children ages birth to five. The children participate in games and activities led by student volunteers from Shippensburg University. The parents attend age specific workshops led by Shippensburg Area School District educators. This program is held in both the fall and spring.

This year's spring program was held on April 13, 2010 from 5-7 p.m. at Nancy Grayson Elementary School in Shippensburg. Free dinner, books, educational materials and a school bus tour were included in the evening's events.

The workshops for parents of birth to three year olds were Reading Together: Sharing the joy of Reading with Your Child and The Importance of Patterning Skills to Reading. There were also sessions for parents of four and five year olds entitled Kid Writing: How and Why We Write in Kindergarten and A Walk Through The Kindergarten Day.

The fall 2010 program will take place on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at James Burd Elementary School.



Alumni Game

The 4th annual Greyhound Alumni Basketball game was held at Shippensburg High School at 3 p.m. on Saturday April 3, 2010. Both players and cheerleaders from odd and even years were invited back to join in this fun benefit event.

A halftime activity allowed fans to attempt different shots based on their age in order to win a Drew Michael Taylor Foundation t-shirt if they made their shot. If they missed, they were still awarded with a water bottle. Alumni and fans cheered on both teams, and the odd year team won this year.

Dinner for the players, cheerleaders and their families was held at Knute's Pub and Grille in Shippensburg Following the game. Thank you to Heather (Bigler) Swartz, class of '87, for all her hard work in organizing this game.

Mark your calendars now for next year's event which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2011.



Drew's Hope

Drew's Hope is a grief and loss program for children, teens and their families who have lost a loved one. Student and faculty volunteers from Shippensburg University's Counseling Department are used in order to run this program.

The program is offered Monday nights from 6-8 p.m., and a free meal is provided at each session.

Nine families participated, traveling from as far away as Carlisle and Waynesboro.

The next Drew's Hope sessions will be from September 20 until December 13, 2010 at the Luhr's Elementary School on Shippensburg University's campus. For more information, contact the Shippensburg University Counseling Department at 717-477-1668.