

Support...Fellowship...Safety Education

What is FHF?

Most people don't realize that every year nearly 42,000 people die on our nation's highways — 1,000 lost lives in South Carolina alone. The deaths are sudden. Families are in shock and often have no where to turn for help.

That's why the Families of Highway Fatalities was created. FHF was formed by SCDPS and families of fatality victims.

The goal is to provide an organized and compassionate way of assisting families after the tragic death of a loved one.

Trained peer counselors — FHF members who are farther out from their losses — assist newer members.

The group also holds regular support group



Top: Ms. Barbara Weston, third from right, who lost her son, Julian, in 2006 finds support from a large family and her FHF friends.

Bottom left: A candle lighting ceremony is held at the first annual Hope and healing Seminar in 2006.

meetings in various locations around the state. Many families find that this a good way to meet others and that it is a safe environment to “open up” about their loss and their feelings. Monthly social gatherings — often held at restaurants or members' homes — also provide an informal time of fellowship.

Safety Education:

Some family members find it healing to get involved in safety initiatives. The Highway Patrol invites FHF families to attend and speak at safety presentations with them at high schools and other venues. The FHF member often feels that sharing the story of their loss is healing.

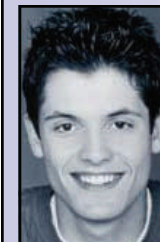


FHF member, Joy Groomes Batchelor, who lost all three of her sons in a 2002 collision, speaks at a 2005 news conference.

Others get involved by supporting SCDPS safety initiatives such as back-to-school safety, Child Passenger Safety Month and safety belt and DUI campaigns. The FHF group also spearheads its own safety initiatives

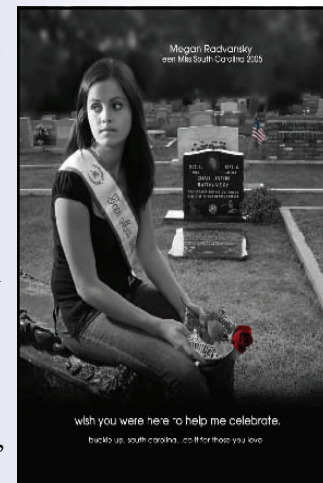
and service projects.

This poster, “Wish You Were Here to Help Me Celebrate,” was created with the Radvansky family. Chad Radvansky (left) was killed



in 2003. His sister, Megan, won Teen

Miss South Carolina in 2005 and used her platform to advocate for seatbelt safety.



Our Mission:

*The South Carolina
Department of Public Safety
Families of Highway Fatalities*

*is dedicated to providing compassionate re-
sources for families who have lost loved ones in
motor vehicle-related collisions.*

*Our goal is to provide Peer Support for grieving
families; facilitate forums and opportunities for
grieving families to meet; prevent further high-
way fatalities through public education and in-
formation; and to diligently work alongside law
enforcement, first responders, and other govern-
ment officials as advocates for highway safety.*



FHF Members



*Jackie Murray (l) and
Robin Sweatman (r)
support each other
and share a common
bond of both losing
their teenagers.*

Join Us:

FHF includes families who have lost loved ones on our highways, motor vehicle collision survivors, safety professionals, counselors and clergy.

I would like to:

Simply join FHF: _____

Volunteer for FHF: _____

Provide peer support to others: _____

We would like some information about you:

Name: _____

Contact Information (may include phone, e-mail or mailing address):

Hometown County: _____

Name of deceased family member/summary of collision:

Website: www.schp.org/inmemoryof

E-mail: FamiliesofHwyFatalities@scdps.net;

Contact Us:

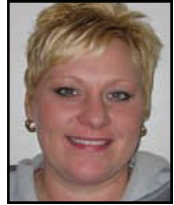
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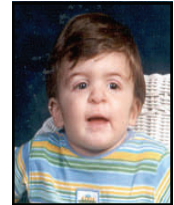


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on South Carolina highways?
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"Have a heart for highway safety"



Their families are grieving too...

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