

Helping teens has been very important for me for a while, and now with teenagers of my own it is even more important. This year with the help you Children's wonderful grant of \$1,000 we were able to create an amazing event for 1,000's of teens and families. Below is the video for two events, West Bend High School and Menomonee Falls High School. In those two events, alone we were able to reach approximately 2500 high school age students and about 300 teachers and parents. In addition to those schools, we also did an event at Germantown High School and Sussex High School where another 2,000 students and probably 200 parents and teachers were impacted not only by the crash scene and next day assembly, but also for the kids the retreat events.

At the retreat we focus on getting down to why kids drive distracted, how devastating it is to not only their life but also the life of everyone that surrounds them and we play a few games. One the kids enjoy the most is the straight and windy road obstacle course. First, they walk down a "road" with obstacles like a car, a person, a curve in the road, an animal completely focused and undistracted. Then they walk down the same path on their cell phone, sending one text while walking or drinking a sip from their coffee. They see how significantly this impairs their ability to stay in their lane and not hit anyone or anything. Next we progress to the intoxication goggles – from marijuana to heroin and alcohol and then see how just the goggles or the goggles and distraction continue to worsen their ability to stay in the lane, avoid danger and even miss things they knew were there. It gives the kids a harsh reality check that they did not think that deeply about before. After the games, we sit and talk about real life, the events from that day and events that have actually happened to them or to someone they know. A deeply intimate and involved retreat really drives home the message of driving aware and unimpaired. The grant paid for the impaired goggles, the upgraded map (no more duct tape and plastic toys that hurt when you step on them) and for a few motivational shirts that the kids got to take home with them.

Thank you for helping me reach 1,000s of teens and parents about this important message.

West Bend HS: [WBSD Impact 4 Life](#)

Menomonee Falls HS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4skDs7s6Yg&feature=youtu.be>



Thank you,

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