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Woman on crusade to stop DUI crashes

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MARTIN COUNTY, FL -- A Florida mother's loss has led her on a crusade to stop drinking and driving.

A gold Mazda is placed outside the South Fork high school auditorium. a tragic reminder for Renee Napier, but one she takes with her everywhere.

Her daughter Meagan was in this car seven years ago when a drunk driver clipped it, sending it into a tree.

Meagan's death spurred her mother to start the Meagan Napier Foundation.

"My message is I want young people, everybody actually to have a plan before they leave home... they need to know how they're going to come back safely."

The crowd also heard from Stephen Bromstrup, who caused a crash that killed two teens on Kanner Highway in Stuart around the same time Renee Napier lost her daughter.

Bromstrup told the audience they have the control to make the right decisions in life.

"It's the deepest darkest depression possible to discover you're responsible for somebody else's death, let alone two innocent girls."

Tim Stone, the father of one of the girls killed in the Bromstrup crash, was also in attendance. He said events like this help in his family's recovery.

"Making kids aware and parents aware of the risks that come with drinking and driving or reckless driving is an ongoing effort for us and one we'll never give up," Stone said.

Bromstrup served six years in prison for his role in the Stuart crash. He was just released this past May. He and Napier are spreading their message to students this week. They spoke to the entire South Fork student body Thursday and will talk to students at Indiantown Middle School Friday.

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