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## Rob Reynolds

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Cady's future was as bright as her smile. She was a 16-year-old sophomore at Marian High School in Omaha, NE. The oldest of five, Cady was a hard worker who believed in the importance of giving back to her community. She helped elderly neighbors, volunteered her time at a hospital, performed community service jobs with her schoolmates and even adopted a family at Christmas time spending her own money on the gifts.

On the night of May 30, 2007 Cady was driving her best friend home from a movie. They came to an intersection and waited for a green light and proceeded into the intersection when the light changed. Seconds later another 16-year-old girl in an SUV, who was severely distracted, ran through the red light and struck the driver's side of Cady's car at nearly 50 mph. Cady was rushed to a local hospital in a critical condition. She died hours later, on May 31<sup>st</sup>, with her mother, father and uncle by her side. The other driver and Cady's best friend were treated and released with minor injuries.

### personal mission

Driving away from the hospital devastated from our loss, my wife and I reaffirmed our commitment to each other, our 4 other children's well being and we both expressed our strong desire to honor Cady's short life by helping to divert other teens and adults from driving while distracted. Now in its second year, her foundation, the C.A.R. Alliance for Safer Teen Driving, does just that. I am thrilled to be a part of *FocusDriven* and to reach an even wider audience of teens, parents and concerned adults to help bring awareness to distracted driving as a major cause of deaths and injuries.

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**cady's faith was strong** and she reveled in connecting with other people her own age and adults. she was known for her warm hugs, her bright and beautiful eyes and her loving smile.