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Each year thousands of innocent children are killed in accidents due to drugs and alcohol. Unfortunately this number will keep increasing if something is not done. What most people don't realize is that these tragedies can and absolutely should be prevented. With the help of everyone around thousands of lives can be saved each year.

As everyone knows this past year Matt Kato became the victim of a drunk driving accident. Because someone decided to drive drunk Matt is not with us anymore. Although this tragedy has brought about great pain and anger to Matt's family and to many other people in the Rush-Henrietta community it has also been an eye opening experience as well.

This may have been the wake up call that some people needed. Many people saw first hand just what drunk driving can do. The biggest question on my mind is why? Why did this man so foolishly drive drunk knowing well that he was not capable by any means? Why was Matt Kato's life the one taken? These are just a few of the questions that have run through my head. The next thing that ran through my head was that I wish there was something that I could do. You would think that with such a complicated topic as drunk driving that there would be a complicated answer as how to stop it, but there

really isn't.

Then I realized all I had to do was to be responsible. It is as simple as that. Drunk driving is a dangerous game and it is one I don't intend on participating in. I do however realize that my life is in fates hands just as Matt's was. All I can do is hope and pray that every other individual thinks the way I do and chooses to be responsible about the actions they take.

Your life is a precious gift and it is not meant to be taken. Think before you act and be responsible about the decisions you or your friends make. Remember the old saying "friends don't let friends drive drunk" and maybe you could be the next one to save a life.