

Two families, one cause



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Three years ago, the Kato and Dorschel families were brought together by similar tragedies.

In 2004, both lost loved ones in accidents caused by drunk drivers within three days of each other.

The Katos' son, Matthew, died on July 21, 2004. He was 17.

Three days later, Nancy Dorschel's brother, Clark Swift, 53, was killed.

The following year, the families united to start the Dorschel M.A.D.D. Dash race.

Registrants will run a 10K race down Lehigh Station and East Henrietta roads. In addition, a two-mile walk will be held on the sidewalks.

Matthew's father, Paul Kato, has served as the race director since the event started. "We continue to not only honor their memory but also try to help other families with this problem," Kato said.

All money raised goes directly to the Rochester chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving at 2125 Buffalo Road.

Last year, the race raised \$7,500 for the organization. In 2005, the first year it was held, the race generated more than \$10,500.

"The last two years, we have been the number-one fundraiser for the local M.A.D.D. chapter. We certainly hope to continue that this year," Kato said.

M.A.D.D. is a nationwide organization which supports ending drunken driving and stopping underage drinking.

Additionally, refreshment and entertainment will be available after the race. Nik and the Nice Guys are scheduled to perform and food will be provided by Great Harvest Bread Co., Atlanta Bread Co. and Camille's Sidewalk Café.

Fast facts

WHAT:10K race and 2-mile fun walk

WHEN:8:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 9; registration begins at 6:30 a.m.

WHERE:Rush-Henrietta Senior High School, 1799 Lehigh Station Road

PARKING:In the high school parking lot or in the Ninth Grade Academy parking lot, 2000 Lehigh Station Road.

COST:\$20 to register

REGISTER:In person at any Dorschel dealership or online at www.dorschelmaddash.com

MORE INFO:Visit www.dorschelmaddash.com or call Lisa at (585) 244-1300.

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