

About the Foundation

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The Foundation's mission is to help individuals with juvenile (Type 1) diabetes pursue and achieve their dreams. While diabetes may impose medically related limitations on an individual, there are many examples of people pursuing active and exceptional lifestyles in spite of the disease. In the words of a young supporter of the Foundation who plays football and hockey in high school: "I love sports and won't let diabetes limit my ability to play!"

Accomplishing the Foundation's goals is done by conducting events and programs encouraging individuals to manage their diabetes and overcome its limitations. With a goal to help individuals achieve their dreams, the Foundation is expanding its unique safe driving program after introducing it in 2010 in a four city pilot.

- Reaching driving age is "rite of passage" for all teens and those with diabetes face greater challenges being away from parents, teachers, nurses and other adults who have kept a watchful eye on their condition.
- Parents are normally nervous when their teens start driving and more so for one with T1D.
- Driving with low blood sugar levels can cause someone with diabetes to lose control or blackout resulting in accidents that cause harm to themselves and others.
- Check B4U Drive is a one-of-a-kind program embraced by parents of T1D teens, law enforcement and
 others involved in the diabetes industry. Those who have participated in Check B4U Drive consider it
 essential training helping T1D teens develop a proper mind-set and the habits for managing diabetes and
 always being safe on the road.

The Foundation will highlight the exceptional lives of active diabetic individuals on its web and social media sites as well as through video blogs and presentations.

We are sponsors of T1TV - an online video network -- which has a goal of providing individuals and families with factual information on "living with T1D".

