

# MINNEDOSA TEENS AGAINST DRINKING AND DRIVING TADD MINNEDOSA COLLEGIATE MINNEDOSA MANITOBA

## **What's this TADD thing?**

TADD is a non-profit, extracurricular school organization consisting of approximately 20 Minnedosa Collegiate student from Grade 9 - 12.

T.A.D.D. is an extracurricular activity where you can get together with a bunch of friends, and do a whole bunch of fun activities. We are here to help save people lives not to change them. We are also saying that if you choose to drink that's your business, but don't drink and drive.

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## **What Kind of 'Activities'?**

We have many activities to keep T.A.D.D. and it's members going and we try to get our message out to the public. One activity that the M.C.I T.A.D.D. group has done is to place non-alcoholic punch recipes in the town newspaper.

We have also put on a multi-media presentation. In case you are wondering, a MP presentation is where there is 3 huge screens placed up and a half hour movie is played. The movie is about others, (teens, adults, famous actors, athletes, etc. ) who have gone through situations of drunk drivers. It really has an impact on a person.

We have also had many speakers come to our school to share their experiences about the problems that arise from drinking and driving.

These are just a few of the many activities that we are involved in and that you can help us out with each year.

On November 16-19, 1998 we hosted the annual Drug Awareness Week. This week is recognized around Canada as being Drug And Alcohol Awareness (DAW) Week. DAW Week is a week that is dedicated to talking about drugs and the effect they have on your body, you, and the people close to you.

## DAW Schedule

*Mon. Nov. 16-*

Where: Minnedosa Community Conference Center  
What: Official opening

*Tuesday Nov. 17-*

Where: Chicken Terry's  
What: Pancake breakfast 7-9  
What : Red Ribbon Tie during lunch

*Wednesday Nov. 18-*

Where: Throughout the town of Minnedosa  
What: T.A.D.D.. T-shirt Day  
Those in support of T.A.D.D. may wear their T.A.D.D. designed shirts.

*Thursday Nov. 19-*

Where: Minnedosa Collegiate Institute  
What: The Day of the Dead

## FACT

Every 31 minutes an impaired driver causes an accident.



## **How could you get involved?**

**If you are looking to get involved with us, you just have to come to our meetings or partake in our activities.**

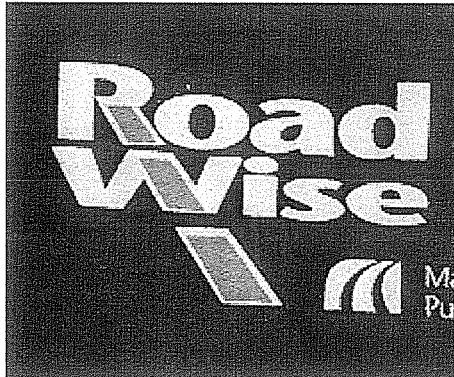
To start your own T.A.D.D. you may want to see your school principle and ask to start one up. You should have information on drinking and driving statistics or stuff like that. You would need to find a group leader and start scheduling times for meetings and activities. Find interesting ways to get people involved. If you follow these and add your own ideas you will be on your way to a great T.A.D.D. group.

## Death of an Innocent

I went to a party, Mom, I remembered what you said.  
You told me not to drink, Mom, so I drank soda instead.  
I really felt proud, Mom, the way you said I would.  
I didn't drink and drive, Mom, even though the others said I should.  
I know I did the right thing, Mom, I know you are always right.  
Now the party is ending, Mom, as everyone is driving out of sight.  
As I got into my car, Mom, I knew I would get home in one piece.  
Because of the way you raised me, Mom, so responsible and sweet.  
I started to drive away, Mom, but as I pulled into the road,  
the other car didn't see me, Mom, and hit me like a load.  
As I lay there on the pavement, Mom, I hear the policemen say,  
the other guy is drunk, Mom, and now I am the one who will pay.  
I am lying here dying, Mom. I wish you would get here soon.  
How could this happen to me, Mom? My life just burst like a balloon.  
There is blood all around me, Mom, and most of it is mine.  
I hear the medic say, Mom, I'll die in a short time.  
I just wanted to tell you, Mom, I swear I didn't drink.  
It was the others, Mom. The others didn't think.  
He was probably at the same party I was.  
The only difference is, he drank and I will die.  
Why do people drink, Mom? It can ruin your whole life.  
I'm feeling sharp pains now. Pains just like a knife.  
The guy who hit me is walking, Mom, and I don't think it's fair.  
I'm lying here dying and all he can do is stare.  
Tell my brother not to cry, Mom. Tell Daddy to be brave.  
And when I go to heaven, Mom, put "Daddy's Girl" on my grave.  
Someone should have told him, Mom, not to drink and drive.  
If only they had told him, Mom, I would still be alive.  
My breath is getting shorter, Mom. I'm becoming very scared.  
Please don't cry for me, Mom. When I needed you, you were always there.  
I have one last question, Mom, before I say Good-Bye.  
I didn't drink and drive, so why am I the one to die?

If you have any suggestions or questions you could contact us at: [mci\\_tadd@yahoo.com](mailto:mci_tadd@yahoo.com)

Just remember we aren't trying to change your life, we are trying to save it...



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Meetings held regularly during the school year in  
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