

*"I have been in the prevention education business for over 34 years and... I have to say that the overwhelming response the panels and videos are receiving is unprecedented. The reactions from students, parents, law enforcement personnel, educators, nurses, and EMS workers, etc. are unanimous in exuberance, respect and understanding of this message."*

– Christina M. Hale, Orange County  
STOP-DWI & Traffic Safety Coordinator

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- Support the LHMI's traveling exhibits and documentary films.
- Empower people to examine their choices and realize that there are consequences to their decisions.

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# ONE SECOND EVERYTHING CHANGES

## EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

*The immortality of youth met a culture of the extreme... and in an instant everything changed.*

Explore the Stories of Crash Victims  
and the Tragic Consequence of Risky Behavior



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## The Lewis Henry Morgan Institute *Applied Research to Empower Communities*

Utilizing a forensic-style approach to crashes across New York State, the LHMI's *One Second* exhibit series focuses on factors such as the combination of driving and alcohol use, speed, distractions, such as texting, and drug use. In addition, permanent spinal cord damage and paralysis caused by the lack of seat belt use in passengers receives special attention.

## The Exhibit

*Each exhibit includes:*

**Artifacts:** Personal items from the crash victims, such as: photographs, clothes, drawings and sports equipment

**Statements:** Accounts from survivors, family members, friends and members of the community affected by the crash

**Newspapers:** Local news coverage of the crash

**Timelines:** The chain of events leading up to the crash and the events immediately following

**Aftermath:** Victim's statements read at trial and the outcome of any court proceedings available at the time of the exhibit's creation

*"The power lies in the telling of the lives of the victims... the timeline of the crash where you see how a series of easily-made decisions... has a terrible result."*

– Dr. Andrew Wolfe, Executive Director  
*Lewis Henry Morgan Institute, SUNY-IT*

## Films

**Friends: One Day, One Wrong Turn** (9 min.)  
*The Friends* documentary examines the alcohol-related Colgate Crash of November 11, 2000, in which four college freshmen died. The film details the easily-made decisions of students during a night out, the life-altering crash and the aftermath that family and friends are left to deal with in their loved one's absence.

**One Second, Everything Changes** (28 min.)  
*One Second, Everything Changes* examines the epidemic proportion of crashes involving youth in America today. It provides a detailed study of multiple crashes involving poor choices and extreme driving.

**The Consequences of No Consequences** (15 min.)  
*The Consequences of No Consequences* examines the death of 17-year-old boy from his parents' perspective. It presents the unbearable pain that is the result for parents when there are no initial consequences for underage drinking, only the ultimate consequence; the loss of a child.

**The Ripple Effect** (25 min.)  
*The Ripple Effect* poses a series of questions, each generated by the actions of a repeat drunk driver. This film explores the death of a 17 year old boy just 3 miles from his home and the way in which the survivors—his family, friends, school and community—are forever changed.

**Marine Down: Second Front** (15 min.)  
*Marine Down: Second Front* examines an alcohol related motorcycle crash of passenger Marine Sergeant George Obad in a forensic style. Through interviews with military personnel, it examines portions of military life, including its drinking culture. At the request of the crash victim's family, the film contains graphic autopsy photos. These photos serve to illustrate the carnage on the highway as the 'second front,' underlining the fact that more marines die in crashes at home than have been killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Denise.Cashmere@SchenectadyCounty.com to obtain a free copy of any of the above films (\$5 postage fee) and for audience recommendations.

# ONE SECOND, EVERYTHING CHANGES



**Jennifer, Neil, Grace,  
and Kate Flynn**  
Long Island, NY

"I should not be dismissed as a grieving mother. What happened to me and my family should be known and should be given the weight it

deserves. I sat with Kate on the Meadowbrook Parkway and calmly and knowingly told Officer Collins, the officer stationed to sit with me, that my life was over. There was nothing exaggerated or dramatized in that statement. Because he drove 70 miles an hour and mowed us down with a head on crash, I was left to pick up my most beautiful, loving, first born seven-year-old daughter's head off the floor of the limousine... It sounds flat on paper or even stated out loud but living it cannot be described."  
– Jennifer Flynn (Kate's mother)

*"It is going to stay in my head for a long time. Seeing pictures of them and seeing stuff that belonged to them really gets the point across."  
– New York Mills High School Student, Oneida, NY*



**Holly Foster and  
Chanae Nelson**  
Bronx, NY

"...Both girls grew up in the projects together. When they were young, I would meet Chanae's parents at the playground. They were best friends at an early age. Even though Chanae had a severe case of sickle-cell anemia, she decided that they would work together at H&M, where Holly was training. They were inseparable."  
– Kieran Foster (Holly's mother)



**FRIENDS  
Katie Almeter,  
Rachel Nargiso,  
Emily Collins**  
Norwich, NY

"Katie's mother told me that there had been an accident and said that Katie was dead and she was sorry. I knew Rach and Emily were gone too, even though I was hoping Rach survived, but I knew they were inseparable and so it goes."  
– Rita Ashton (Rachel's mother)



**Amy Koo and her father  
Sargent Koo, NYPD.**  
Jackson Heights, Queens

"I think the crash taught me a lot in general. It makes me want to be more careful about the decisions I make now... Does this make me a stronger person? I think so."  
– Amy Koo



**Matt Angelillo**  
Skaneateles, NY

"...My dad said something about someone dying to my mom but he didn't know for sure. They decided to go out to find the accident and figure out where Matt was. I went up to the computer and put up an away message; 'Please don't let it be him.'"  
– Lindsay Angelillo (Matt's sister)



**Adam Lawas**  
Canandaigua, NY

"A young man, drinking and smoking marijuana in the middle of a beautiful summer day, made the decision to get behind the wheel of a car and is responsible for killing my husband and the father of three beautiful children. This is a loss that is immeasurable."  
– Christine Lawas (Adam's wife)

*"After being convicted for drinking and driving myself, this exhibit really made me go back and evaluate the kind of risky life I was leading."  
– Student, SUNY Delhi*



**Matt Kato**  
West Henrietta, NY

"He was extremely sensitive. He asked, 'Why are we here on earth, mommy?' He was about 5 years old at the time. You could not hide anything from him. He was very intuitive."  
– Bernadette Kato (Matt's mother)



**George Obad**  
MAG49DET B at Stewart ANGB, Stewart Air Force Base, Newburgh, NY

"George had his own motorcycle and was a good, safe driver and knew the risks involved. On the night of his death, he made a tragic choice when he accepted a ride home on the back of a motorcycle operated by a friend that was driving drunk... George was found on the shoulder of the road unrecognizable. My hopes and dreams for him were gone forever."  
– Elizabeth Obad (George's mother)

"The Marines know how to punish. We are tough on drunk driving. A DWI is a career-ending event. What we're not good at is prevention and education."  
– Capt. Trey McBride, USMC