

STATEMENT FROM THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF ASHLYN DYER

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This tragedy has resonated deeply amongst a lot of people in this city, and the outpouring of support and concern for the friends and family of the Dyers has been incredibly heartwarming.

Moving forward, the main focus of the Dyer family will be to continue to make a positive force out of this. Ashlyn's donation of her organs gave the gift of life to many, and in this same spirit the Dyer family will be actively moving forward with the **Ashlyn Dyer Foundation for Neurological research and support.**

Injury is the leading cause of death between the ages of 1 to 45. More specifically, very little is really known about the management of traumatic brain injury. Nearly 2 million people in the United States are effected with brain or spinal cord injury every year. When compared to other diseases, there is very little research on it, and only a handful of facilities in the country are actively working on the treatment of traumatic brain injury.

The objective of this foundation is to fund research which could lead to treatments for brain injuries, as well as raise public awareness for this disease which is referred to as The Silent Epidemic. Please refer to the website: www.ashlyndyer.com for details on how to contribute.

****DONATIONS****

You can make a contribution to the Ashlyn Dyer Fund for Neurological Research and Support either by credit card on the website: www.marincf.org or by personal check made out to The Marin Community Foundation with a notation designating the Ashlyn Dyer Fund for Neurological Research and Support to the address below:

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