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To: Corporate Partners
From: Amanda Horton, Corporate Partner Outreach Coordinator
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Re: July Impaired Driving – Traffic Safety Newsletter

Every day, almost 30 people in the United States die in drunk-driving crashes — that's one person every 50 minutes. These deaths have fallen by a third in the last three decades; however, drunk-driving crashes claim more than 10,000 lives per year. Driving after drinking is deadly. Yet it continues to happen across the United States. If you drive while impaired, you could get arrested, or worse — be involved in a traffic crash that causes serious injury or death.

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- To date, the most common day of the week for impaired driving crashes occurred on Saturday and Sunday in Delaware.
- In 2020, the most common hours for impaired driving crashes to occur have been 11 PM, 1 AM, 10 PM, and 7 PM, in the State of Delaware.
- In 2020 there have been just over 1,800 DUI arrests in Delaware.
- In 2019, there were 16 DUI fatalities in the State of Delaware.

“At ChristianaCare, we strive to serve with love and excellence, both inside the walls of our health care facilities and in the community at large. We partner with organizations throughout the state and country to bring safety education and information to all. Kathy Boyer, who was the longtime Injury Prevention Coordinator for ChristianaCare, has transitioned into a new role in community education, and I am honored to follow in her giant footsteps. My name is Kaitlyn Angermeier and my background is in Occupational Therapy. In this position at ChristianaCare, I reach out to the community, bring new knowledge and resources that focus on safety, prevention, and positive and functional interaction to all.

The Delaware Office of Highway Safety is a key partner because of whom we serve as patients. As the only Level 1 trauma center in Delaware, we frequently care for patients who are victims of motor vehicle crashes. ChristianaCare teams up with the Office of Highway Safety to most effectively educate the community, reduce motor vehicle collisions, and increase safety on the roadways. This partnership plays out in several ways. We support safety campaigns, serve on committees, advocate for road safety legislation, and educate the community. I’m looking forward to advancing this partnership and trying to make the roadways safer for all Delawareans.” – **Kaitlyn Angermeier, ChristianaCare**



- If you use an impairing prescription medication, designate a sober driver, call a cab, or use a ride-sharing service.
- Don't let friends get behind the wheel if they're under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- If you're hosting a party where guests may become impaired, it's your job to make sure all guests leave with a sober driver.
- Always wear your seat belt—it's your best defense against impaired drivers.
- If you choose to drive under the influence, you could face fines of up to \$10,000.

Pictured to the left is Kaitlyn Angermeier. Kaitlyn has recently taken over as the Injury Prevention Coordinator at ChristianaCare. For questions, she can be reached at Kaitlyn.Angermeier@christianacare.org

Please take this month's mailing of posters and flyers and display them in areas for employees and customers to see and learn.

Be on the lookout for upcoming campaigns!

- August 2020 – Pedestrian Safety

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