

## **The Dawn Brooks Story**

Thirty-year old Shirla Dawn Brooks had everything to live for.

She and her nine-year old daughter, Candi, lived with Dawn's parents, Jimmy & Shirley Brooks, in their family home just east of Farmersville in Hunt County, Texas. She had a good job as a data entry clerk for a Plano, Texas firm. Her family and church friends were part of a supportive network that helped this single mom live a full life.

At around 8:00 PM on October 10, 1998, Dawn pulled her blue Chevy Cavalier onto Highway 380 heading west to Farmersville. Her dad was baking cookies for an event at the church and Dawn offered to go to the grocery store for baking supplies. When she grabbed her keys, Candi asked to go along. Mother and daughter said goodbye to Jimmy and Shirley and headed out into the Saturday evening darkness.

The intoxicated driver was 22 years old, worked in Dallas and lived in Farmersville. He had 'just a couple of beers' after work and was on his way home to his 21-year old wife and their two children, ages 1 and 5. He was headed east on Highway 380 in his 1994 Dodge Ram pickup when he veered across the two-lane highway into oncoming traffic.

Dawn had no time to react when the pickup came hurtling toward her. The truck smashed head-on into the smaller car. The impact wasn't enough to halt the heavy truck, which continued to roll right over Dawn's car, coming to a stop only after crushing most of the driver's compartment.

Dawn Brooks was killed instantly.

Candi survived the crash. She was flown from the scene by helicopter to Children's Medical Center in Dallas where a medical team treated a long list of serious injuries including fractures, cuts and bruises.

The intoxicated driver also never made it home to his family. He, too, was killed in the crash.

Survivors placed a cross at the site of the fatal crash. Three days later, On October 13<sup>th</sup>, a small group gathered to view the cross at the side of the highway. The wife of the intoxicated driver and a 20-year old female friend parked across Highway 380, just opposite the little memorial. At approximately 6:15 PM, they headed across the road walking directly into the path of an oncoming vehicle, while trying to join the others at the cross.

The driver of the 1997 Chevy pickup had no time to even see the two women crossing the highway until it was too late to stop. The wife of the deceased intoxicated driver from the earlier crash just managed to jump to safety in time. However, her 20-year old friend saw the truck too late and was struck.

The 20-year old was treated on the scene and then flown to Methodist Hospital in Dallas. Despite the best emergency medical treatment available, she succumbed to head trauma and died the next day at 1:17 PM, October 14, 1998.

Three people were dead and numerous lives were forever changed as a result of one intoxicated driver's decision to drink and drive.

# **STOP D.W.I. GRANT**

## **IN MEMORY OF DAWN BROOKS**

### **Application Form**

Fully complete the attached form. The application **MUST** be typed or printed **LEGIBLY** and signed by the applicant.

To be considered for the STOP D.W.I. Grant, an applicant must be a high school senior who will graduate from an accredited high school in the spring semester of his or her senior year. Two letters of recommendation, not to exceed one double-spaced, typed page each, **MUST** be attached to the application form. Letters of recommendation should be from teachers and/or other non-family members who know the applicant well. Letters should present a well-rounded view of the student, explaining why the applicant is an exceptional person.

The STOP D.W.I. GRANT is a total of **\$250**. One half of the total amount will be awarded each semester upon proof of full time enrollment in an accredited college or university, junior college, vocational school, or technical school. The second semester payment is contingent on the student's satisfactory progress during the first semester.

Students receiving full scholarships or electing to attend military academies are not eligible to receive the STOP D.W.I. GRANT.

**To be eligible for the STOP D.W.I. Grant, complete each item on the checklist below.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Maintain a grade point average of 2.5 for the entire high school career.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Apply during senior year of high school; graduate from an accredited high school in the spring semester of senior year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Attach two letters of recommendation to this application (see above).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Complete application form. Mail or deliver to DrugFree Greenville; 4207 Wesley Street, by the **deadline of March 26**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Attach official high school transcript to the application form.  
Applications without transcripts will not be considered.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Have applicant's parent or guardian sign the application form.

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**STUDENT INFORMATION**

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Student Name

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School Name

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Student Address

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School Address

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City, State, Zip Code

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City, State, Zip Code

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Addresses

**ACADEMICS**

Cumulative High School G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS - DO NOT EXCEED THE SPACE PROVIDED**

(A). What is the achievement in your life of which you are most proud? \_\_\_\_\_

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(B). List your most important school and/or community and/or church activities. \_\_\_\_\_

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(C). How have you participated in alcohol and/or drug abuse prevention? \_\_\_\_\_  
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(D). What do you believe is the single most effective method to prevent high school students from drinking and driving? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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(E). Why are you applying for this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_  
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(F). Describe your work experience (employment, helping at home, farm or family business). \_\_\_\_\_  
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(G). Describe your community volunteer service during your high school experience. Briefly describe any community involvement or volunteer activities in which you have participated. \_\_\_\_\_

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I confirm that the information given above is correct and accurate, and I have read and I (or my child or ward) have complied with all requirements for this Grant.

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Student's Signature      Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature      Date