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Gary Davey from Phoenix is a long-distance bike rider, mountain biker, and places outdoor sports and activities in the center of his life; and at the moment he is riding his bike home from work, helmet on of course, like he usually does. Without knowing exactly what happened as if being caught in a nightmarish dream that has you in a lost, dark and eerie place, he hears the voice of his brothers, which seems impossible because they live in England. The next thing he remembers is feeling a drugged state that seemed to last for days with teetering moments of intense and severe pain, and finally discovers that he is in a hospital bed, looking at his brothers who flew from England, where a large piece of his leg is missing and has been bleeding badly.

This story is one of many who are lucky enough to be a survivor in a crash from the result of driving under the influence, and his personal memoir on the experience was reported to Arizona's MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Driving — the nation's largest nonprofit organization working to protect families of America from drunk driving, including driving on drugs and underage drinking.

These unfortunate statistics and the tragic stories told by victims are the reasons that MADD provides a service advocacy program for victims, education to offenders about the dangers of alcohol, and risk and possible tragedies that await a person who drives drunk. They also do conversations about drunk driving at schools and other community organizations.

Recently MADD conducted Walk Like MADD, a fundraiser and awareness event on drunk driving. The event had 1,093 walkers and raised \$100,186, an increase in last year's walk. All the money donated went to MADD's Victim Services. In 2011, MADD served more than 63,000 victims and survivors of drunk and drugged driving crashes.

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