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In August 2004, following his 18-year-old son Brett's death, Karlin formed Brakes for Brett, a not-for-profit corporation created to help educate teens about the dangers of reckless driving and the need for organ donation. In the first six months of 2005, Karlin and Andy Short, Brett's best friend, spoke to over 18,000 high school students in the Chicago metropolitan area. They also conveyed their story and mission on the *Jane Pauley Show* on NBC and on all the local Chicago television stations. Karlin was also a guest on the Steve Cochran show on WGN radio, as well as the Gary O'Brian show in Champaign, Illinois, and on KSDK television in St. Louis.

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Brakes for Brett

Andy Short was Brett Karlin's best friend and was driving the car the night Brett was fatally injured. Short, who cared more about Brett's injuries than his own, has teamed up with Brett's father, Michael Karlin, to speak to high school students about the dangers of reckless driving. He has shown a great deal of courage in facing his responsibilities, and by sharing his story with other teens so that they do not repeat his mistakes. His moving story serves as an example to others that good can come out of tragedy. He has convinced many teens that safe driving is cool—and the right thing to do.

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