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## NORTHERN VIRGINIA

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# Jennifer Cipolla Hamilton

## New Executive Director



Effective February 11, 2008 MADD Northern Virginia Affiliate's new Executive Director will be Jennifer Cipolla Hamilton.

Ms. Hamilton has been with the Northern Virginia Affiliate for more than 5 years. In 2002 she was hired as a Program Manager and began working closely with the school systems on underage drinking prevention. Jennifer has been active on a number of local coalitions including CADRE of Fauquier County and as head of the Fairfax City Coalition. By obtaining corporate sponsorship, Ms. Hamilton was able to bring MADD National's multi-media assembly shows to middle schools and high schools throughout the area.

As a trained MADD Victim Advocate Jennifer assisted drunk driving victims/survivors and helped spread the word through Northern Virginia about MADD's Victim Services. Some of her early efforts resulted in a public information campaign in movie theaters and a redesign of our Affiliate's Victim Board featuring pictures and accounts of local drunk driving victims.

In recent years Jennifer has become more involved with our affiliate's fundraising efforts, assisting with our golf tournaments and Red Ribbon Run events. This work will now continue under our new Development Officer.

During her tenure at MADD Ms. Hamilton has established close contacts with both state and national MADD officials. We look forward to an era of change and growth for the Northern Virginia Affiliate. Congratulations Jennifer!.

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## NEW NAME. NEW DATE.



Let's **ELIMINATE** Drunk Driving

MADD's National Walk has a new name! Strides For Change is now Walk Like MADD. The new name more clearly articulates the purpose and spirit of our 5K noncompetitive family event. Walk Like MADD will support our continuing fight for victims of drunk driving, tougher enforcement, stronger laws and new technologies that keep drunk drivers from starting a vehicle. The new walk date will be scheduled for the Fall of 2008 and will be announced in the May 2008 Newsletter and on our website [www.maddnova.org](http://www.maddnova.org).

## VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATION UPDATE

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On January 30, the bill passed the House Committee for Courts of Justice and is now before the House Appropriations Committee. MADD testified in support of HB 1442. The bill mandates all first-time drunk driving offenders must have ignition interlock devices installed for a period of no fewer than 6 months, at the court's discretion.

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For more information on Virginia's drunk driving laws go to <http://www.madd.org/Drunk-Driving/Drunk-Driving/Laws.aspx> and search under Virginia.

## THANK YOU to RED RIBBON RUN VOLUNTEERS

MADD Northern Virginia 's 2007 Red Ribbon Run was a great success. Close to 800 people registered and more than 700 runners finished. We couldn 't do it without the hard work and support of our volunteers. Thank you so much. Here are just a few of the long-time (3 years or more) volunteers.

Morton A. Berger

Peggy Bunce

Laura Dawson

Peter Dinndorf

John & Janet Franceschini

Terri & Eric Freitag

Dot & Heather Green

Mary Kay & Blake Lawrence

Duane Miller &

Fairfax Boys Probation

John Pinckney

Gail Ruf & Family

Diana Shadid



## BRING A MADD MULTI-MEDIA SHOW TO YOUR SCHOOL

MADD's award-winning multimedia assembly school shows engage students with celebrity interviews, clips from major motion pictures, contemporary soundtrack and poignant stories of real young people. The shows also give students a powerful message about the dangers of underage drinking and other drug use.



**Costs**—Unfortunately, our affiliate does not have funding this year to provide free shows. We encourage schools to seek sponsors. If our National touring crew is in a school's area, the basic cost is \$675 for one show and \$175 for an additional show at the same site. Call the local MADD Affiliate (703) 379-1135 for scheduling and pricing information.

**Take Two (Grades 7-12)**—*Take Two* encourages students to make healthy choices and reminds them that there are consequences for poor decisions such as underage drinking and substance use. The show also helps students to better understand the risks and responsibilities as new teen drivers.

**The Spot (Grades 7-12)**—*The Spot* encourages teens to take a hard look at the people they hang out with and the messages they're getting. Whether they spend time at a bowling alley, a friend's house, a coffee shop, online or text messaging, *The Spot* shows teens that it is up to them to make sure their "spot" is safe and free of harmful influences. *The Spot* also teaches the importance of finding friends who accept you for who you are and not what you do, partying sober, making smart choices and limiting distractions while driving.

**Game On (Grades 2-5)**—*Game On* provides valuable information about alcohol's effects on the growing body and how to deal with bullies, tattletales and strangers.

## MOORE NATIONWIDE AGENCY SPONSORS THINK PROM PROGRAM AT STONEWALL JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL IN MANASSAS

Moore Nationwide Agency in Manassas is sponsoring the THINK PROM campaign at Stonewall Jackson High School this Spring. THINK is MADD's year-round campaign designed to help high school students avoid underage drinking. Nationally sponsored by Nationwide Insurance, THINK.® is a friend-to-friend accountability program that encourages students to "make the right call"—and pledge to be alcohol and drug free throughout the school year. THINK. focuses on the heavier party seasons of homecoming and prom but also addresses sporting events, holidays, spring break, graduation and summer vacation.

The Moore Agency ordered a THINK Pledge Pack for Stonewall Jackson which includes a giant pledge banner, individual pledge sheets and a powerful DVD presentation, along with safety posters, ID cards, cool freebies and access to the special, interactive Web site [think.madd.org](http://think.madd.org).

Thanks to the Moore Agency for helping to get the word out to students to party safe and sober all year long!

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up and being counted. Please sign up below.

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