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## **Abbey's Hope Charitable Foundation Kicks off summer with a "Spring into Summer" Pool Safety Party**

Edina, MN - Start the summer season off the right way with safety and fun in the sun. Abbey's Hope Charitable Foundation invites you to its "Spring into Summer" Pool Safety Party at the **Edina Aquatic Center on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-8:00pm**. There will be lots of family fun and 15 minute safety breaks from the pool every hour that will feature a life saving demonstration from the Edina Aquatic Center staff, a swimming & safety lesson from Foss Swim School staff and an Aquatic Fashion Show.

In addition to the safety breaks, representatives from Foss Swim School, Minnesota Department of Health, Edina Police Department, Edina Fire Department, All About Children Pediatrics and Aloe Up will be on site with demonstrations and information. You will also be able to sign up to be an organ/bone marrow donor through the Be a Hero Become a Donor Foundation and hopefully save someone else's life in the process. This will be a great family event with safety information and fun for everyone!

"It was Abbey's hope that what happened to her would never happen to another child. We made a promise to Abbey to help keep kids safe and we are ready to kick off the summer with a pool safety event," said Scott and Katey Taylor.

This is the first safety event hosted by Abbey's Hope Charitable Foundation and is being sponsored in part by a generous grant from the Walser Foundation. In addition, this event would not be possible without the support from the City of Edina for providing their staff and the wonderful location and the Foss Swim School for providing, their guidance, expertise and staffing for the event itself.

Andrew Walser says, "Walser Foundation's mission is to support organizations that provide direct service to women, children and families. As soon as we heard about the inaugural Abbey's Hope event, we knew we wanted to help. We look forward to working with Scott and Katey Taylor, and their organization, Abbey's Hope on future childhood safety events."

**The Pool Safety Party is \$5 per person and all children must be accompanied by an adult. To register or get more information, go to [www.abbeyshope.org](http://www.abbeyshope.org). Tickets are still available but space is limited.**

**About Abbey's Hope Foundation:** Abbey's Hope Charitable Foundation was created as a tribute to Abigail Taylor who was disemboweled in a kiddie pool on June 29th, 2007. After a triple organ transplant and numerous surgeries, Abbey passed away on March 20, 2008. The Foundation will carry on Abbey's legacy to help keep children safe, increase organ donor awareness, and support the kinds of programs and organizations that so generously supported Abbey and her family while she was recovering from her injuries and transplant. It is our mission that Abbey's legacy in turn benefits the children and families in our community and beyond.

**About the Walser Foundation:** The Walser Foundation provides grants to non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations based in the Twin Cities who impact the community through direct service to women, children and families. The Walser Automotive Group donates 5% of pre-tax profits to support the Walser Foundation. The Walser Automotive Group is a proud member of the Minnesota Keystone Program™.

**Media:** Scott and Katey Taylor will be available for interviews during the event. Please contact our Media Relations Director - Cyndi Barrington at 612-232-3903, for more information.