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**'For Pete's Sake' posted on Web**

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Marci Davies knew she wanted to share with as many people as possible the story about her brother Pete's heroin overdose and death.

But Davies wasn't prepared for the ticker tape parade of encouragement she's received since her Web site launched Thursday and since her brother's story was posted three weeks ago on a national drug abuse prevention Web site.

"I get e-mails every day from people who have lost someone, or have been in a similar situation," said Davies, Harkness Street, Norwalk. "It's nice to know people feel the way I do and understand how I was feeling. It's been a real positive thing over the last few weeks."

Davies was close to her younger brother, Pete Rinner, an Ohio State University student who died March 1, 1999, at the age of 24 of an apparent heroin overdose.

Rinner's family did not know he was using heroin; his death devastated them.

"Pete was an awesome person who happened to screw around with heroin and it killed him," Davies said.

In an attempt to prevent someone else's having to follow in her family's footsteps of grief, Davies began sharing Pete's story at school assemblies, church groups and wherever people would listen.

This summer, a story Davies wrote about Pete was posted prominently on a Web site sponsored by Partnership for a Drug-Free America at [www.drugfree.org](http://www.drugfree.org).

"They told me over 9,000 people a day are visiting that Web site," Davies said. "People are reading it across the country. It's just exciting for my family and I to think that's a huge amount of people we're affecting somehow."

Davies had been toying with the idea to launch her own Web site since she decided to share Pete's story publicly. The interest from Partnership for a Drug-Free America prompted her to follow through with the Web site, which can be found at [www.ForPetesSake.org](http://www.ForPetesSake.org).

Davies' Web site features "For Pete's Sake," resources for parents and teens, personal memorials, family photos, drug prevention information, links to other Web sites, and a guestbook.

In addition to out-of-state requests for Davies to speak at schools, she's received 40 e-mails in the last three weeks from other people who have lost loved ones due to a drug overdose.

With the additional exposure provided by the Web sites, Davies is considering whether she should form a not-for-profit organization to pay for her travel for the speaking engagements she

currently performs for free.

"I don't know what's the next step for me," Davies said. "The first time I spoke to a school I told my husband if this is what I'm supposed to do it will just happen, and it just keeps getting bigger and bigger."