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Dear Hockey Community

Below is an update on the condition of Derek Zike, the Midget Minor U16 player who was injured in January 09. This is a letter from dad.

Hi Everyone,

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! We had the whole family home for the holiday. Derek was excited to have Taylor home from Chicago so they could hang out at the mall (Taylor said the girls were hanging all over Derek) and go to the movies. Derek got to go to the Steve Scotten Memorial hockey tournament over the weekend to meet up with friends and hockey players, and then Derek and his family had the pleasure of going to dinner with Steve and Julie Scotten. Derek is working hard in school and has been filling out applications and writing his personal statement for colleges. Derek is still doing therapy at home and he said he wants to try and get stronger so he can do more when he goes to college and I think there is something in the works for him to try sled hockey. I think once he gets on the ice we won't be able to get him off. Derek can pick up a bottle of water now and drink and he can use a fork and spoon to eat, the hungrier he is the better he does, ha! Peas and noodles drive him crazy. Derek is looking forward the Indy ICE hockey games next weekend. He is also excited about the announcement of a new 4 pad ice rink to be built in Indianapolis and the future of Indiana hockey. Derek wanted me to thank all of those people who continue to donate to his fund and continue to pray for him and his family.

We had a little more drama today when Grandma was rushed to the hospital with high enzyme levels in her liver and pain in her side, then we just got news that Taylor just broke his collarbone in a tournament in Madison, Wisconsin. Sam put his bag and new hockey stick he got for his Birthday behind the suburban last night at practice and forgot to put it inside, he

jumped inside and appeared ready to go and I backed over his bag and stick, everything was ok except his new stick which was scratched up but not broken, whew ! So we came home last night and wet sanded his stick and re-painted it, actually it looked pretty good but you could tell he was bummed. Never a dull moment, everyone is banged, broken but we keep on rolling! We are looking forward to the holidays,

Sincerely,  
Mike