

My name is Jennifer Heiling, I am an Angel Mom and I am from a small town in Minnesota. My son Brady Heiling and his girlfriend Hallie Helgeson were tragically killed while celebrating their 3 year anniversary at a concert in Wisconsin. We got a text that they had made it to the car and were headed home. This would be the last thing we ever heard from them. On July 20th 2025 our lives came to a screeching halt.

Brady and Hallie were innocently driving home when an illegal immigrant that was driving the wrong way while intoxicated crashed into them. She was a multiple offender, 2 times over her legal limit, and had failed to install her interlock device that would have prevented this whole incident from happening and above all else has never had a drivers license to be on the road in the first place. This woman was not a hardened criminal, she was just a mom that was allowed to live in this country completely exempt from consequences for breaking our laws. Time after time she was allowed to keep living here, above the law and without any attempt to change her behavior and bad decisions. The ability to seek protection and be shielded by living in a sanctuary city will continue to allow illegal immigrants to continue to take the innocent lives of Americans. If you want to seek refuge in our country and make a better life for yourself I am in total support but expect you to follow our laws. Our safety depends on it. Why are we allowing people to live amongst us that want to cause us harm? Why are we expected to allow them to keep offending and not be deported? Do you think this is really helping anyone seek a better life? It is not! This is called being an enabler! If you are unable to live by the laws of this country you should be removed at the very FIRST offense! Why are we waiting for our children to be murdered? If the woman responsible for murdering our kids was deported after the first time drinking and driving we wouldn't be forced to be living this nightmare. To allow someone to continue to be on the road with multiple traffic violations and a history of drinking and driving not to mention never legally obtaining a drivers license or citizenship is absolutely recklessness. This entire tragedy was completely preventable and not just for us but for her too. If you think allowing anyone to live their lives here without consequence is helping them in any way become a better person you are mistaken. Now this woman will have to live with herself knowing that she not only murdered two innocent teenagers full of hopes and dreams, just ready to start their lives together but also destroyed her life, our lives, our communities and generations of kids and classmates left to figure out why this was allowed to happen. It should have never happened! Try to explain to Brady's 11 year old sister that he will never attend another one of her events to cheer her on, never get to see

her grow up. Explain to his 16 year old sister that he won't be here to protect her from guys with bad intentions or meet her newest farm animal addition. Tell Hallie's brother that he is now an only child all because an illegal immigrant that was allowed to live in a sanctuary city while breaking our laws repeatedly until she finally murdered someone with her wreckless selfish ways. And please, I beg you to explain to me that I will not to get to watch my son grow into the man I was so diligently raising him to be, to see him succeed at all of his goals he has worked so hard to make come true. Then explain to Hallie's mom why she will never get to see her little girl become a mother herself and tell her dad that he will never get to walk her down the aisle and give her away. Please, I ask that you tell my husband that the company he spent his whole life building was all for nothing! Brady will never get to work along side of him. Just so that the group of people that feel that it is more important to protect illegal immigrants and let them keep offending until they completely destroy the lives of innocent children and families is more important than our rights and safety of American citizens. It is really easy to say that we need to protect these groups when you are unaffected. It's really easy for people I don't even know to sit there and say my kids deserve better than to be part of a political agenda. If you believe this to be true, you are sadly mistaken! I don't want to be here! We don't want to be here! But we weren't given a choice. Our children were murdered! So here we are trying to prevent this nightmare from happening to anyone else. Even if it's to protect the loved ones of the very people attacking us. Some of my own family find it necessary to tell me this is an issue of drinking and driving and not immigration. If this particular woman would have been responsibly delt with and deported after the FIRST time drinking and driving then we would not be in this position right now. My entire future has been literally stolen from me in a way that will never make sense, it still doesn't even seem real. I should be listening to Brady and Hallie tell me about college and how they can't wait to be home for the summer. But because we continue to protect people like this and give them free reign on our communities, the innocent lives will continue to be taken. Angel Families will continue to multiply. Who's kid has to die before these people will see where we are coming from? Who's family has to be destroyed before they are willing to admit we have a problem? What tragedy has to rip their lives apart before they realize that when they tell me that I need to look at my situation differently it is selfish, heartless and cruel. If my reasoning is wrong then I pray that you will never know how it feels to live a day in my life.

On July 20th, 2025, in the middle of the night, a parents worst nightmare came true for us. The phone rang and on the other end of the phone was a social worker from a trauma unit telling us that our son Brady was involved in a crash. Brady and his girlfriend Hallie were celebrating their 3 year anniversary at a concert in Wisconsin that night and had messaged when they got to the car and were headed home. That was the last time we would hear from them. This was the last moment of my life as I knew it. The life I worked so hard at building, the kids I worked so hard at raising, the family I worked so hard at protecting, the end to everything as I knew it would be taken from me from an illegal immigrant with no consequences for breaking our laws over and over again. Protected by a sanctuary city that would continue to allow her to make wreckless decisions and release her back into the public endangering everyone in her path. Their safety is and was of no concern to the people who would rather protect illegal immigrants choosing to cause harm, destruction and death to innocent citizens of this country than to stand for my rights and basic safety for the public who are legal citizens and willing to abide by the laws of this great nation. As I tell you all about what happened to Brady and Hallie that night keep in mind that only two of our local politicians have reached out to our families stating their most sincere condolences by the injustice that was done to them with inquiries of how they could help us and how to protect others from this happening again. Nothing from the governor of Wisconsin where our tragedy took place. And nothing from our governor from MN. While governor Walz has been very emotional about what he feels is broken in our country we have heard absolutely nothing from him on the deaths of our innocent children who were in fact legal citizens and residents of our great state of MN and how to prevent this from happening in the future to any more people. The lack of acknowledgement that there is a huge safety problem by shielding illegal immigrants in sanctuary cities that allow them to break the laws of this country over and over again and release them back into the public instead of deporting them before they do more damage is reckless and irresponsible. And now our innocent children are gone and the outrage isn't for protecting the rights and safety of law abiding citizens but to shield the individuals that choose not to be here legally and follow our laws. Besides the two local politicians it has only been President Trump that was willing to honor the devastating loss of Brady and Hallie at the signing of the Angel Families Day Remembrance ceremony. Honoring our lost loved ones in this way didn't make it hurt any less but for them to be recognized for the injustice done to them on this level was definitely special.

The night their lives were taken ours were too. We were told that Hallie was eventually pronounced dead at the scene after finding her trapped in the car with a very light pulse. Brady laid on the road with first responders and his body badly broken, repeatedly trying to stand up to go to Hallie. He was transported by helicopter to a trauma unit where he spent

5 days fighting for his life before succumbing to his severe injuries. Our worlds were shattered in the blink of an eye by someone who didn't care about the laws or the safety of the innocent people around them. Brady and Hallie, two of the most innocent and influential kids, were taken from this world, destroying the lives of all of those that knew and loved them. Two teenagers that were making such a positive impact in this world with so many goals and dreams ahead of them, gone. Two beautiful kids that loved each other with such a pure and innocent love were recklessly killed.

Brady at only 19 years of age was well known for his compassion for others and his ability to make you feel seen and heard. Often referred to as a "gentle giant", he was a very talented athlete on the track and football field, he put a lot of time and energy in the gym growing his body and muscles that would carry him and all of his hard work and determination to be able to compete at state level for track and field. On and off the field Brady made a positive impact with his hard work ethic and determination. He was and is a role model for many people young and old with his drive for wanting to always do better and give 110%. Brady was the definition of a rule follower and was certain to hold others accountable by pushing them to make better decisions, to make their lives and this world a better place. Brady fought for his life from a crash so powerful that nobody should have survived. A crash that should have never happened! His strong young body did what it could until the swelling on his brain was just too much. Brady was able to save many lives with his ultimate sacrifice. With his decision at only 16 years old to be a donor, he was able to donate his heart, kidneys, liver, pancreas and corneas along with lots of tissue, muscle, skin, valves and bones. Brady being a rare donor with AB positive blood has saved many people that thought they would never come off the waiting list for donations. Even after his death he continues to impact the lives of people he didn't even know.

Brady's two younger sisters Korri and Zoey miss their leader and protector and are now forced to find their way in this world without the love and support they had in both Brady and Hallie. Brady's parents Josh and Jen miss their numerous daily "Brady hugs" and are so proud and honored by the way Brady lived his life and will be remembered for his strong and kind spirit with shirts that proudly showcase, "Our Warrior" and "Bradystrong"!

Sweet Hallie was only 18 and left behind so many family and friends that will forever remember her giggle and kind heart. Hallie had just graduated from high school in May and was so full of life which included being very active in her community, sports and church. She was often said to be a ray of sunshine and had a great way of looking at life that brought

fun and laughter to literally every situation. Her close friends will tell you about her silly side and many tik tok dances and videos she loved to make. She was well known as the nickname queen and loved to give a name to all of those around her, even her car "Ellie". Hallie had a unique way of making you feel loved and special just by simply being present.

Her only brother Camden is just two years older and often in their younger years were commonly mistaken as twins. Camden and Hallie's bond was a beautiful and unbreakable bond that has left a whole in his life that can never be filled. Along with that, the trio of Brady, Hallie and Camden being such a fun and special relationship for all to witness will forever be missed. Hallie's parents Joe and Alyson miss her quirky daily snaps and her witty banter including her constant practical jokes. Hallie brought so much love to this world and continues to be influential by reminding everyone to "Live for Hallie" which her family, friends and community proudly are reminded of by wearing shirts made stating just that. Hallie was also a donor and was able to help save the lives of over 75 people. Her family could not be more proud of the way Hallie lived her life and was able to impact so many people in her short 18 years of life.

The families of Brady and Hallie are devastated beyond belief and still wait for them to walk through the door smiling and laughing. They lived their short lives to the absolute fullest and made this world and everyone around them better, they continue to make positive impacts even after the horrible crash that stole their lives. Two young lives taken too soon in a situation that was completely preventable has made living daily life for these families unbearable. Brady and Hallie loved their life and lived it to the fullest. They loved their family, friends, Jesus and most of all each other! We are all better because of them and will honor their lives forever.