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# Friends gather for ‘The Road Ahead’



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Friends and family of **Merritt Levitan** gathered at Trinity Church on Tuesday night for The Road Ahead, a reception for the Merritt’s Way Fund and its affiliated campaign, TextLess Live More. Levitan was 18 when she [died in 2013](#) after being hit by a driver who was using his cellphone. Her parents, **Anna Cheshire Levitan** and

**Rich Levitan**, established [the fund](#), which creates opportunities for young people, and works with Merritt's friends on the TextLess Live More campaign that aims to prevent accidents caused by distracted drivers. Guests at the event included **Kristina** and **Lucy Lyons**, and TextLess founders **Abigail Lebovitz**, **Erika Lamere**, and **Emeline Atwood**.