Community rallies to help
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ARCHDALE — A community has rallied in support of a Trinity High School athlete following the June 19 crash that claimed the lives of his parents and brother.

After sustaining life-threatening injuries, Tyler Bova, 17, endured multiple serious surgeries last week and faces a long road ahead, according to the #BuiltTylerTough Facebook page.

During what was intended to be a two-week cross-country family vacation, a head-on collision in Utah claimed the lives of Tyrone Bova, 47, and his wife Holly Jo Bova, 43. Young Haden Bova, 11, passed away en route to the hospital. Following the wreck, Tyler was listed in very critical condition.

While Tyler clung to life in the Utah hospital, members of Fairfield United Methodist Church youth group, to which Tyler belongs, sat together and leaned on one another during a June 21 prayer service that filled the church sanctuary.

“Tyler is a wonderful, respectful, gifted, athletically-talented young man that loves serving his community and his church,” said Youth Pastor Keith Bradley. “We are behind him 100 percent, and God is there in Utah all around him 1000 percent right now. Tyler is loved by this church, his girlfriend and her mom, and all who know him. We are praying that God will continue to strengthen and heal Tyler. Just touch him and heal him from the top of his head to the bottom of his feet.”

Other churches that have rallied around Tyler include Crossover Community Church and Archdale United Methodist Church.

Luminaries glowed throughout the Elk’s Ridge and Parker Place neighborhoods culminating in a prayer vigil outside the Bova home on last week.

Both Tyler’s grandmothers made the trip last week to keep vigil at the hospital where Tyler endures nearly daily surgeries.

Melanie Hayes, who started a GoFundMe page, revealed that Tyler’s mother called him an “angel on earth.”

On the page, Hayes wrote, “A tragic accident, while on a cross country family vacation, has left Tyler, age 17, here on this earth, now fighting for his life. Parents, Tyrone and

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Holly Bova, along with their youngest son, 11-year-old Haden, lost their lives when an SUV struck their vehicle head-on, as they made their way across Utah. This unimaginable turn of events has left a strong, athletic teenager, entering his senior year at Trinity High School, without his parents and his only brother. Tyler has already, in the immediate days following this tragedy, endured multiple surgeries and undoubtedly faces many, many more.

Members of the Bulldogs Varsity Football team wore jerseys with Tyler’s #23 in solidarity for their missing teammate during a scrimmage game with Asheboro High School last week.

Trinity High varsity football coach Brett Andrews said if there ever was a team player that title belongs to Tyler Bova, who is more than a wide receiver and defensive back.

“Tyler is a great kid,” he said. “He is a hard worker. He is very unselfish and eager to do anything he can to help the team out.”

To find the Go Fund Me page, visit https://www.gofundme.com/built-tyler-tough.

A chicken dinner benefit is set for 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 14 at Fairfield United Methodist Church, 1505 N.C. Hwy. 62 West, High Point.

The Grown Ups group will host a benefit from 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday, July 13 at The Griffin Farm, 6617 Suits Road, High Point. The event will include food and cornhole tournament, live auction.

Cards of encouragement addressed to Tyler Bova may be mailed to The Ronald McDonald House, 935 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102.

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Several area churches, including Fairfield United Methodist and Crossover Community, held prayer vigils last week to pray for Trinity High School rising senior Tyler Bova and his extended family after the tragic accident that happened during a family vacation in Utah.
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