Hello, my name is Matthew Roach, and I will be presenting the DATA portion of our Making a Difference presentation.

Texting and Driving is very dangerous and has caused many deaths and has devastated people’s lives. This is a serious problem in our world today, because this is mainly how people communicate. Many facts on texting and driving show how dangerous it is. (Here are a couple of facts) Texting and driving is 23 times more likely to cause a wreck than drinking and driving. 40% of teens admit to texting and driving, and texting and driving is equivalent to a reaction time of a 70 year old driver. Our group surveyed 125 people in our school about texting and driving. One of our questions was have you ever been in a car with the driver using their cell phone, and 98% percent said that yes. Another question that had shocking results was, have you ever been involved in an accident due to texting while driving or do you personally know someone else who has? We found out that almost 50% of them have been in an accident or know someone who has been in a wreck caused by texting and driving.

On our survey we also asked people if they had smartphones, and 90% of them do. This is good because people can use their phone to download an app called AT&T Drivemode. If we could get people to download this app it would help people stop worrying about responding to a text because they wouldn’t know that they received a notification.This app could save many lives and stop wrecks. Our next presenter will be Josh Coombs, and he will share information about our interviews.