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The Boone Family's Journey from Trauma to Recovery

Tyndale to Publish Lindy Boone Michaelis's Memoir

(Carol Stream, IL) Every parent dreads the call that comes in the middle of the night. On June 19, 2001, it happened to Lindy Boone Michaelis, the second daughter of legendary entertainer Pat Boone.

Lindy's sister Debby was on the line, and life as Lindy knew it ended. Lindy's son Ryan, a 24-year-old budding screenwriter, had accidentally stepped through a skylight on the roof of his apartment building in west Los Angeles and fallen three stories. Ryan's skull was fractured, his lungs collapsed, and his heart stopped. In a fraction of a second, Ryan joined over 1.7 million people in the United States who sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI) each year.

"How could this have happened to our first grandchild?" asks Pat. "How could our loving God have *allowed* this to happen? If Ryan lived, would he ever be the same? Would we? From the moment he fell, our lives were all affected—and afflicted."

In May of 2013, Tyndale House Publishers will release *Heaven Hears: The True Story of What Happened When Pat Boone Asked the World to Pray for His Grandson's Survival*. As Ryan lingered between life and death in intensive care at UCLA Medical Center, Pat and Lindy decided to take action in a big way. They went on *Larry King Live*, shared their faith, and asked millions of TV viewers to pray for Ryan.

"When Ryan broke through that roof," Lindy writes, "he fell into a very different life, teetering on the edge of eternity. . . . It was a catastrophe, an earthquake that shook my life down to its foundation. I believed in God, so I had two choices: I could get angry and blame him because I believed God caused, or at the very least, allowed his fall. Or I could cooperate with God to find peace in the midst of it and victory over it."

In the years that have followed Ryan's accident, the entire Boone family has learned to trust the faithfulness of God as they have navigated the difficult road to recovery.

BOOK STATS

AVAILABLE:	<u>May 2013</u>	ISBN:	<u>978-1-4143-8324-8</u>
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“Heaven Hears is the story of what happened next,” says Lindy today. “It’s a story about the power of prayer. It’s about miracles. It’s about overcoming despair, persisting through suffering, and surviving against all odds. It’s an unbelievable story, and it’s not over yet.”

The proceeds from the publication of *Heaven Hears* will benefit Ryan’s Reach, a foundation established by Ryan’s family to benefit other survivors of TBI and their families.

Lindy comments, “I feel obligated to put my energy, creativity, and prayers toward helping those who don’t have the resources Ryan does . . . to help other families who need information, resources, and even financial assistance. Overall, it’s estimated that at least 5.3 million Americans with TBI currently have a long-term need for help to perform activities of daily living. The need is great.”

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lindy Boone Michaelis was born into an entertainment environment as the second daughter of singer/entertainer Pat Boone. She and her family toured all over the United States and internationally, recording several Christian albums, including the Grammy Award–nominated *First Class*. Lindy is wife to Mike and mother to Ryan, Jessica, and Tyler. Lindy has learned a lot about the faithfulness of God through Ryan’s injury. Her family has started a foundation called Ryan’s Reach to help survivors of brain injury and their families. **Visit www.RyansReach.com.**