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Madeline Medina, mother of Christian Medina, receives signed Derek Jeter jersey

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FORT PIERCE, Fla. - As the weight of the holiday without her youngest son took its toll, Melinda Medina's spirits were brightened today.

Her son, Christian Medina, was killed in a single car accident in October.

On Christmas Eve, a one-of-a-kind gift arrived: Yankees great Derek Jeter signed one of her late son's uniforms.

Madeline says Christian had an unmatched love for baseball, and the one and only Derek Jeter.

"He's got Derek Jeter and Yankees everywhere, I mean everywhere," Madeline said.

Scott Van Duzer, with the Scott Van Duzer Foundation, heard about Christian's role model, and wanted to do something lasting for Madeline.

"How can it not touch your heart when you hear it was her son's idol. His dog was named Jeter," Van Duzer said.

That's why he says he reached out to Steiner Sports to request Jeter's autograph on Christian's #8 jersey.

On Saturday, Jeter followed through with the request and had the Jersey shipped to Van Duzer, who delivered the Jersey to Madeline on Christmas Eve.

"He's awesome. Derek Jeter is A-OK with me," Madeline said.

The Jersey was also signed with a message important to Christian, reading "Block anything and everything at all costs". He wrote that phrase on his belt that he wore as a catcher for every game.

"It's the most precious thing I could have gotten. I can't get my son back for Christmas so that is the next best thing."

The mother of Peter and Timothy Green, who were injured in the accident,

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 also visited Madeline today. She says her sons are recovering.

Madeline is in the process of creating a foundation in Christians honor that would raise money for kids who want to play baseball, but couldn't otherwise afford to.

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