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Elmhurst scholarship fund to host fundraiser

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ELMHURST – The Brian E. Wagner Scholarship Fund will host its annual Bags for Wags Bean Bag Tournament to support the college scholarships it awards each year.

Brian Wagner died at the age of 16 in an automobile accident during his junior year at York High School in Elmhurst. Each year, emerging young leaders in the community who exemplify the leadership qualities of Brian are given scholarships, a fund news release stated.

The 2014 event raised more than \$4,000 dollars, which was used for three scholarships, according to the release.

“Brian Wagner was an energetic, outgoing and kind person. He wasn’t afraid to approach

someone he didn't know and introduce himself," fund advocate and high school friend Brian Doherty said in the release.

"One of his biggest strengths was an innate ability to unite his family and friends to achieve a common goal. That's what makes the BEW Scholarship Fund so special. It honors students like Brian for making a difference."

The event will be from 5 to 10 p.m. Jan. 31 at Visitation Parish's Valentino Center, 851 S. York Road in Elmhurst.

Participants 16 and older are welcome to register for the fundraiser. All teams are guaranteed to play in both the round-robin and single-elimination rounds.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top teams.

The general public is invited to join the festivities. Refreshments will be available, along with door prizes that include authentically autographed memorabilia from Chicago sports teams, tickets for upcoming home games and gift cards from local restaurants.

Guests should sign up before Jan. 24 to take advantage of the early payment discount for \$75. On-site registration also will be available on the day of the tournament if the event has not yet sold out. Participation fee will then be \$100.

To learn more about the scholarship fund or to register for Bags for Wags, visit brianewagnerfund.org. To become a volunteer for the event, email brianewagnerfund@gmail.com with name, contact and availability information.

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