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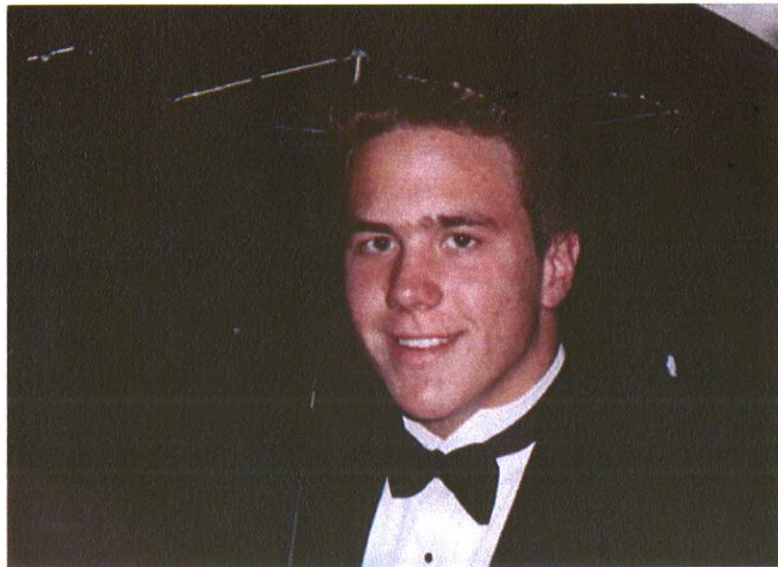
Brian E. Wagner Scholarship Fund's "5th Annual Bags for Wags" Fundraiser-Jan. 31st

The BEWSF commemorates the life of Brian E. Wagner a young leader who dedicated his spirit to making a positive impact in Elmhurst.

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The Brian E. Wagner Scholarship Fund (BEWSF) will host their annual "Bags for Wags" Bean Bag Tournament on Saturday, January 31. The charitable event will be held at Visitation's

Valentino Center (851 South York Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126) from 5:00 PM- 10:00 PM.

Participants over the age of 16 are welcome to register for the fundraiser. All teams are guaranteed to play in both rounds: the first- round robin and the second –single elimination.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top teams! Sign up before January 24th, to take advantage of the early payment discount for \$75. On-site registration will also be available on the day of the tournament if the event has not yet sold out. Participation fee will then be full price, \$100.

The general public is welcome 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. Be part of the fun by supporting a commendable cause as a participant, attendee or volunteer.

All proceeds will benefit the BEWSF's annual college scholarship. Last year's event raised over \$4000 dollars, which was used to award three deserving recipients with tuition costs in their first college semester. Every year emerging young leaders in the community who exemplify the leadership qualities of Brian E. Wagner are granted this distinguished honor. Brian passed away at the age of 16, in a tragic automobile accident during his junior year at York High School.

Brian Doherty, a BEWSF advocate and high school friend stated, "Brian Wagner was an energetic, outgoing, and kind person. He wasn't afraid to go up to someone he didn't know and introduce himself. Brian was also a loyal and honest friend, and he endeared himself to everyone he met. 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."

For more information on how to register for "Bags for Wags" and to learn more about the BEWSF visit www.BrianEWagnerFund.org (<http://www.BrianEWagnerFund.org>). To become a volunteer for the event send an e-mail to BrianEWagnerFund@gmail.com (<mailto:BrianEWagnerFund@gmail.com>). Include your name, contact info. (E-mail & Phone #) and the hours you are available.