

# From the community: Bags for Wags Fundraiser Gives Tribute to the Life of Brian E. Wagner on February 4th



Loyal BEWSF Supporters (Myrna Zamar, Ricardo Zamar and Jason Gentile) enjoying the festivities at the annual gathering, which commemorates the life and legacy of Brian E. Wagner. (Posted by peterzamar, Community Contributor)

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**T**he Brian E. Wagner Scholarship Fund (BEWSF) will host their annual "Bags for Wags" Bean Bag Tournament on Saturday, February 4th. 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 competition. All teams are guaranteed to compete in both rounds: the first- open play and the second -single elimination.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top teams! Due to the popularity of the tournament, teams are encouraged to sign up in advance to secure their spot. On-site registration will be available on the day of the tournament if the event has not yet sold out.

Spectators are welcome to join the festivities. Refreshments from Mamma Maria's pizza will be served and variety of door prizes that include authentically autographed memorabilia from Chicago sports teams will be raffled to lucky winners. 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 \$5000 dollars, which was used to towards the tuition costs of the scholarship recipients during their first college semester. Each year emerging young leaders in the community who exemplify the leadership qualities of Brian Edwin 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.

Jason Gentile BEWSF committee member expressed his devotion to the cause, "The BEWSF allows others to have opportunities in life that Brian was not privileged to have. It is an honor to be part of his legacy and helping others achieve their dreams. Brian has always been an older brother figure in my life, his selflessness and compassion is a quality that I have always admired. Being a part of this foundation allows me to celebrate his life in a positive way."

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.

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