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Brian E. Wagner Scholarship Fundraiser at Visitation Gym on Feb.3

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Annual event grants inspiring young leaders with college scholarships

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The Brian E. Wagner Scholarship Fund (BEWSF) will host their 8th annual "Bags for Wags" Bean Bag Tournament on Saturday, February 3rd. The fundraiser 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 for the price of \$10-Ages 16 and over and \$5-Ages 16 and under. Mama Maria's pizza will be served and variety of door prizes that include merchandise from local Elmhurst businesses 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 nearly \$10,000 dollars, which was used towards the tuition costs of the scholarship recipients during their first college semester. Each year young leaders who emulate the leadership qualities of Brian Edwin Wagner are granted this distinguished award. Brian passed away at the age of 16, in a tragic automobile accident during his junior year at York High School.

Tom Cellitti, a dedicated BEWSF supporter stated, "Brian greatly influenced me as his grade school basketball coach and a person. He was an exceptional leader and a true champion in many ways; the best leader in my 23 years of coaching. Brian always gave 100% and led by example. He was an inspiring individual who motivated everyone to reach beyond their potential to make the team successful. It is important to me to have Brian's memory live on through future leaders who embrace his same leadership qualities."



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For more information on how to register for "Bags for Wags 2018" and to learn more about the BEWSF visit www.BrianEWagnerFund.org. To become a volunteer for the event send an e-mail to BrianEWagnerFund@gmail.com. Include your name, contact info. (E-mail & Phone #) and the hours you are available.

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