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to youth in need.



Dear Friends & Supporters,

As we pen this letter it marks the 5th anniversary of our son/brother Isaac passing from this life to the next. As we do every year we are sitting as a family, and through tears and laughter, reflecting on memories of Isaac and how his life continues to impact and teach us. He has taught us so much; how to love unconditionally, how to reach out and impact others, how to make a difference and how to be grateful for all things.

One of the many things that we are grateful for is the I've Got Your Backs Foundation (IGYB) that we were able to start in honor of Isaac's life. The mission of IGYB is to educate, impact and inspire hope to youth in need. We were recently asked to come and speak to a community group about IGYB and what kind of work we do.

After our presentation the group told us that they had no idea the many different ways IGYB was making a difference in the lives of youth locally and globally. Because you have been a supporter of IGYB, we wanted you to know the ways your support is helping to change lives.

As a small family foundation we realize the importance of partnering with other organizations that align with our mission, so here are a few ways we are doing this.

I've Got Your Backs Local Efforts:



*Tim Hiller, Mike Furrey
and Ryan Van Dyke
volunteering at the IGYB
football camp*

I've Got Your Backs Youth Football Camp: Our annual football camp is an opportunity for youth to not only add to their skill and love of football but will also provide an opportunity for physical fitness, positive relationship building among peers, character building and a positive connection with young men in a mentoring capacity.

Scholarships: over \$2500 given annually to High School students, criteria for these scholarships, "How is your life making a difference in the lives of others?"

Needs Box: We work in conjunction with teachers, counselors, coaches and community leaders to meet the practical needs of students with items such as winter coats, school clothes, boots, shoes, supplies, backpacks, beds, athletic equipment, and the many other items students need to thrive.

Battle Creek Mentor Program: IGYB financially and physically supports this weekly program dedicated to providing positive mentoring to inner city Battle Creek youth.